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**STEEL MAGNATE ON THE STAND**  
Judge Gary Speaks of Big Corporation's Relations With the Tariff  
**SUGGESTS PUBLIC CONTROL**  
Independent Small Companies Would Suffer Most Without Protection

Washington, Dec. 18.—"If you protect our competitors, you leave us without protection, and I believe that the United States Steel corporation should make public its affairs, and submit to government control," was the remarkable declaration of Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation at the tariff hearing before the house ways and means committee today.

"This is radical," he added, "but remember that I am not speaking for the steel corporation in saying this."

Judge Gary, like Chas. M. Schwab, who appeared before the committee on Tuesday, was an admirable witness, giving much information, and submitting to a severe cross-examination. His testimony in substance showed that the tariff is needed more as a protection for the independent steel manufacturers than for the steel corporation.

Like Mr. Schwab, Mr. Gary declared that the reduction of the duty on certain steel products would compel the steel companies to reduce the cost of labor. He said that the competitors of the steel corporation needed protection, but that the corporation could take care of itself.

"Suppose this committee were to wipe out the steel duty entirely, would the United States Steel corporation still survive?" inquired Representative Champ Clark of Missouri.

"I cannot say," replied Judge Gary, "but I am of the impression that if we did we would have a monopoly of the market in this country. I do not think we could make a reasonable and fair profit if the tariff is put on that basis."

**ATLANTIC STORMS**  
Westward Bound Steamships Thrown Far Behind Schedule Time By Gales

New York, Dec. 18.—With December on the North Atlantic and the ocean lane criss-crossed by violent gales, the Atlantic shipping has been experiencing as severe a buffeting as it has been forced to undergo in a long time. Of the westward bound liners, not one has kept anywhere near her schedule. One staunch liner, the Teutonic, from Southampton, which should have headed the fleet into port on Wednesday, is three days behind her time. When heard from early today she was about 300 miles east of Nantucket, which means that at the best she could not dock until tomorrow. Strung along further up the coast, all far behind their ordinary records, were La Provence, from Havre; the Baltic, from Liverpool; the Campania, from the same port; the St. Paul, from Southampton, and the Minneapolis, from London.

**For Purity of the Press.**  
New York, Dec. 18.—The council of Jewish women, through Dr. Cornelia H. Kahn, chairman of the committee on purity of the press, has issued an appeal to newspapers for the elimination of indecent details in the published evidence at murder and divorce trials. The appeal states that many prominent individuals and society people support the movement. A special request is made for conservative dealing with the present Hains murder trial. "In order to safeguard our homes and our children from the demoralizing influences of prurient details."

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**Policy Holders Get Dividend**  
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Liquidator Clarkson has declared a dividend of forty per cent on policies of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. in Canada.

**East Algoma Election**  
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Albert Gregg, Conservative, was elected to the legislature yesterday by acclamation in East Algoma in place of R. W. Smith, elected to the Commons.

**Edmonton Chief of Police.**  
Montreal, Dec. 18.—A. C. Lancey, superintendent of the Montreal branch of the Canadian detective bureau, has resigned that office to become chief of police at Edmonton. He will leave for the west next week.

**President's Salary**  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Burton has introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and the salary of the vice-president from \$12,000 to \$25,000. The bill is intended to take effect at the beginning of the next administration.

**Toronto Crazy Over Longboat.**  
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Longboat and his manager, Flanagan, arrived tonight from Buffalo, and the Indian was given a tremendous reception. Mayor Oliver and several of the aldermen delivered an address of congratulation. Several women in the crowd attempted to kiss him but he successfully dodged them. A big crowd escorted him to Riverdale Park, where he witnessed a boxing tournament.

**Too Much Like Protection**  
London, Dec. 18.—The bill introduced by Mr. Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer, was withdrawn from the House of Commons yesterday. This step was a result of the opposition of the ultra free trade Liberals to what they considered the protective character of the measure.

**HOLLAND RESENTS GERMANY'S COURSE**

**Attentions Paid to Castro Taken as Insult By Little Kingdom**

The Hague, Dec. 18.—It is the opinion of the foreign officials that rumors that Venezuela had declared war against the Netherlands arose through the confusion of the term "state of defence," recently declared by Acting President Gomez, of Venezuela, with "state of war." Little value is attached here to President Castro's suggestion that Venezuela agents being sent to Holland, inasmuch as Holland in November declined Venezuela's invitation to send a delegate to Caracas to discuss disputed matters.

Popular opinion inclines to the belief that Castro's rule is drawing to an end. The German attitude towards Castro is greatly resented in The Hague. Newspapers ask how a friendly nation can thus receive Holland's avowed enemy, and whether Germany wishes to drive Holland to the welcoming embrace of the Franco-British entente.

The Handelsblad favors the blockade of Venezuela, especially now that coffee shipments are commencing, and it suggests that Castro himself might be treated as contraband. The Telegraph thinks that the Dutch warships should be ready to make a demonstration before La Guaira at the proper moment in order to give support to the revolutionists.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—When asked today whether there was a possibility of friendly relations between Venezuela and France being renewed, President Castro authorized a diplomatic official who is accompanying him to make the following statement: "I believe it would be very easy to bring about a renewal of relations between Venezuela and France by submitting the questions at issue to arbitration, a usual way adopted when two nations cannot find other means for settling their difficulties."

President Castro had a lengthy private conference at his hotel today with a prominent representative of the German foreign office. A further consultation between President Castro and Dr. Israel took place this afternoon. The surgeon advised Senator Castro to remain quiet. The Venezuelan executive did not leave his hotel during the day, and took his meals privately with his family. A box in one of the leading Berlin theatres has been engaged for his use tomorrow.

The feeling is growing here that President Castro left South America not because of ill-health, but to escape the political turmoil, and that he has no intention of ever returning. The German government has information stating that it is uncertain whether Vice-President Gomez will become president of the republic, or whether a provisional government will be organized under another head. Gomez is believed to be still true to Castro.

President Castro still persists in giving out denials that any trouble occurred in Caracas on December 14, when an infuriated mob made a demonstration against the absent president and his followers. Castro is to be transferred to Prof. Israel's private sanatorium on Sunday for a week of observation, to determine whether any operation is necessary. Senora Castro and part of her husband's suite will also enter the hospital with the president. The entire first floor has been engaged for them.

**Got Small Booty**  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—The bandits who robbed the Chicago express train of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company last night secured only \$350 in cash and \$150 worth of jewelry. Three thousand dollars in cash was overlooked by the robbers, having been tossed into a small safe in the express car by Express Messenger Huff. General Manager P. O. Harriman, who has offered a reward of \$1,500 for the arrest or conviction of each of the three robbers.

**DISAGREEMENT OF WITNESSES**

**Contradictory Stories Told at Marine Department Inquiry**

**MR. BOUDREAU'S POSITION**  
Bank Accountant Corroborates Manager—Other Evidence Conflicts

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—When the marine inquiry was resumed this morning, Mr. Watson, counsel for the government, continued the investigation into Holliday Bros' contract with the government for the use of the steamer King Edward and the alleged payment of \$3,000 to Assistant Accountant Boudreau, of the marine department.

Mrs. Thomas, of the marine department, Ottawa, declared that Mr. Boudreau was on duty in the department during the time Mr. Van Felsen claimed to have paid him \$3,000.

James Holliday, recalled, declared that to the best of his knowledge he never signed the cheques in question, and would make his denial more positive but that Van Felsen keeps telling him that he did sign them.

Regarding the conversation Van Felsen claims to have had with him, Holliday says he did not believe the conversation ever took place. He had never heard Boudreau's name mentioned until the marine investigation began in Quebec.

H. H. Lawrence, accountant in the People's Bank at Quebec, where the alleged transaction with Boudreau took place, was the next witness. He had seen Mr. Boudreau in the bank, but did not know in what connection. He remembered his visit because Boudreau came over to the wicket and said: "How do you do?" He had known Boudreau for several years.

In reply to a question by Watson as to how he remembered this passing incident, Lawrence said it was because Van Felsen had come to him after Boudreau went out of the bank and asked him to remember him. He had told Mr. Van Felsen then that he already knew Boudreau.

No very startling evidence was adduced at the afternoon session of the inquiry. Mr. McKelvie, of Kingston, further testified regarding the account of J. F. Fraser, which had been settled on October 1st, after the inquiry had begun. It had been running since 1904.

R. O. McKay, of Hamilton, stated that he had never found it necessary to "grease" the department at Ottawa. James Youden, of Kingston, shown two cheques made payable to cash, declared that he had not paid any commission to officials of the department. Several other witnesses testified without bringing out anything new.

Tomorrow Col. Goudreau, late deputy minister, will be examined.

**THREE MURDERERS PAY DEATH PENALTY**

**Lee Chung, Pertella and Jenkins Executed at New Westminster**

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—With a sarcastic smile on his face, Pertella, the negro who murdered Mrs. Jenkins, looked direct at the husband of his victim and dropped into eternity at ten minutes past eight this morning. Next to him stood Jenkins, murderer of Mrs. Morrison, at Hazelmore, and shoulder to shoulder with him stood Lee Chung, who killed Yang Ah Hing, the Chinese waiter who was murdered, and the three were executed simultaneously.

It was the first triple hanging in the Dominion of Canada, and never did three criminals meet death in a more impressive way. All ate hearty meals in the night, and Pertella was called twice from his sleep this morning to partake of breakfast. The scaffold was built in the courtyard of the jail, and about a hundred persons were present at the execution.

The three murderers were brought on to the scaffold after 8 o'clock. Pertella and Lee Chung being handcuffed and Jenkins having his arms strapped behind his back. They were absolutely impassive, although as Radcliffe, the executioner, adjusted the black caps the Chinaman began to quiver and Jenkins showed the faintest trace of emotion. Pertella gazed down into the face of the husband of his victim and smiled.

Staff captain Collier, of the Salvation Army asked Jenkins, who was the only one who had not confessed, whether he had anything to say, but received no answer, and with a cry to the edge of the scaffold reciting the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses—" he said.

"Stand clear, gentlemen," remarked Radcliffe, and pulled the lever and the three disappeared from view.

Pertella was apparently killed instantaneously, Jenkins quivered for a moment after the drop and Lee Chung's hands opened and shut once. Then the jury was sworn in, a formal inquest held and the jury coming out from the jail met the undertakers carrying the three plain coffins. The execution was over.

**AN EARLY PIONEER**

**Death of Mrs. Wm. Bunn, Who Visited the Site of Victoria Over Sixty Years Ago**

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—One of the oldest of the early pioneers of B.C., in the person of Mrs. William Bunn, has just died at her residence at Shoal Lake, Man.

The deceased lady, who was 90 years of age, visited the Hudson Bay Company's fort, which is now Victoria, as far back as 1847. She spent some time there and at other places on Vancouver Island. At that day there was not even a village or a trading post in the location where Vancouver stands today.

News of the death of Mrs. Bunn was received today in a telegram by her daughter, Mrs. George Ashe, of Fairview. The deceased lady was born in Dunvegan, on the Peace River. When she was 14 years of age she travelled with her parents overland from the Peace River valley to the head waters of the Skeena and down to Port Simpson. From there she came by Indian canoes down to the fort at Victoria.

A few months later on the return the party kept on by canoe and portage trip and crossed the continent. Down the Saskatchewan and on to the Great Lakes they went and finally reached Montreal. There the young girl attended school, and returned a few years later to her father's house at Dunvegan by the same method of transportation. She later went to the Red River valley, married and lived in Manitoba ever since.

She left five sons and daughters: Rev. Thomas Bunn, now residing in Manitoba; Alfred Bunn, of Vancouver; Albert, of Stonewall, Man.; Mrs. Frances Mannix, of Victoria, and Mrs. Ashe, of Vancouver.

**Canadian Pacific Earnings.**

Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—The earnings of the C.P.R. for the second week of December show an increase of \$104,000.

**Woman Suffrage.**

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Ottawa Woman Suffrage Association decided to ask R. L. Borden to declare his views on woman suffrage.

**Canadian Rhodes Scholars.**

London, Dec. 18.—The Canadian Rhodes scholars gained the following distinctions at Oxford during the year: J. G. Archibald, Montreal, "fellowship of All Souls college; C. B. Martin, Pitt prize for colonial history, £70, and Brassey studentship in colonial history, £100; H. J. Rose, Vancouver, the Passmore Edwards scholarship and £30 for classical English literature.

**Laborer Killed**

Welland, Ont., Dec. 18.—George Aston, employed on sewer construction here, fell into a trench yesterday and was killed.

**Artists Honored**

London, Dec. 18.—F. M. Bell-Smith and T. M. Martin, of the Royal Canadian academy, have been elected members of the Royal British Colonial Society of Artists.

**Brakeman Prosecuted.**

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 18.—Brakeman Rend, accused of throwing a switch open and causing the wreck at Sandbank on Nov. 23rd, resulting in the death of three railway employees, was committed for trial today at the next assizes. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

**Only Gave Good Advice**

London, Dec. 18.—There is no truth in the report from Buenos Ayres that Great Britain has tendered her good offices to compose the differences between the Argentine and Brazil, arising in part from the activity of each country in increasing its naval power. It is, however, a fact that in informal conversations with the diplomatic representatives here of the two powers, the foreign office pointed out the risks attending increases of armaments.

**Investigation of Exchanges**

New York, Dec. 18.—The commission appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate the New York exchanges organized formally today at the headquarters of the state banking department. All nine members were present, and Horace Whitely was made chairman. Two committees were appointed, one on plan and scope, consisting of E. H. Page, John D. Clarke and W. V. King, the other on ways and means, consisting of Chairman White, Clark Williams and David Leventritt. The commission will hold its next session on December 22nd in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. All meetings, it was stated, would be executive.

**DECISION OF COURT IN FISHERIES CASE**

**Province is Refused Leave to Appeal to the Privy Council**

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—After another lively argument, in which Robert Cassidy, K.C., as counsel for the province, renewed his contentions of yesterday and added new ones, the full court refused the province leave to appeal to the Privy Council in fisheries case of North vs. Kendall.

Mr. Cassidy met the argument of W. J. Whiteside that the case involved but ten dollars, by declaring that that was merely a sentence of punishment, and that the real question, the right to fish, involved more than three hundred pounds sterling, if that rule applied, and he contended that it did not, the full court having given leave to appeal in two somewhat similar cases, which he cited.

The court did not agree with Mr. Cassidy upon any of the points raised. Then he offered to pay the costs that would be incurred by Kendall, but the court could not entertain the offer. There is still the privilege of renewing the request before the Privy council.

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**AIR NAVIGATION MAKES ADVANCE**

**German Inventor Devises Airship Intended to Carry Explosives**

**WILBUR WRIGHT'S SUCCESS**

**Makes Voyages in Air Breaking Length and Height Records**

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Count Zeppelin's airship is to have a rival which may exceed it both in speed and carrying power.

The inventor is Prof. Schutte, of the Technical University at Leipzig, who is a friend of the emperor. The airship will be of the rigid system like that of Zeppelin, but instead of using aluminum for the frame he will use wood. In this way he expects to get both greater strength and lightness. The cigar-like frame will have a length of 325 feet, and a diameter of from 51 to 55 feet. Schutte will propel his airship with two gas motors, each of 150 horse power, and he expects to make an average speed of 45 to 50 miles an hour. The designer expects to be able to carry two tons of explosives in his craft, besides the necessary fuel and other supplies, a statement which clearly indicates the military intent of the invention. The work of building will begin next summer.

**Wright Scores Twice.**

Le Mans, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright established a new world's record for heavier-than-air machines today, while trying for the Michelin cup, remaining in the air one hour, 53 minutes and 55 seconds. The best previous record is 1 hour 9 minutes and 4 seconds, which Mr. Wright made on October 10 last. The aeronaut attained an average height of 24 feet today, and the distance was officially measured as 61 1/2 miles, which does not include the wide sweeps and turns made during the flight. He descended only because the fuel gauges gave out of order. The flight was made in a light breeze, occasionally broken by puffs of 20 miles an hour.

Mr. Wright closed a triumphant day by achieving another record, flying to a height of 360 feet in a strong wind and winning the Sarthe aero club's prize for height. At first it was thought that the violence of the breeze would compel a postponement of his effort, but undaunted, Wright launched his machine and circled around and around the field. When soaring at 90 feet, a sudden gust of wind caught the aeroplane sideways, causing it to plunge backwards. The spectators were terrified, but Mr. Wright remained unperturbed and soon righted his craft. At the end of ten minutes the wind had moderated and the aeroplane soared upwards and passed high over a line of captive balloons making a distance of 200 feet. Then it descended, after again circling the field was brought to earth, landing in front of the door of the shed in which it is housed.

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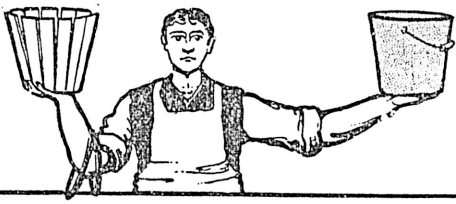
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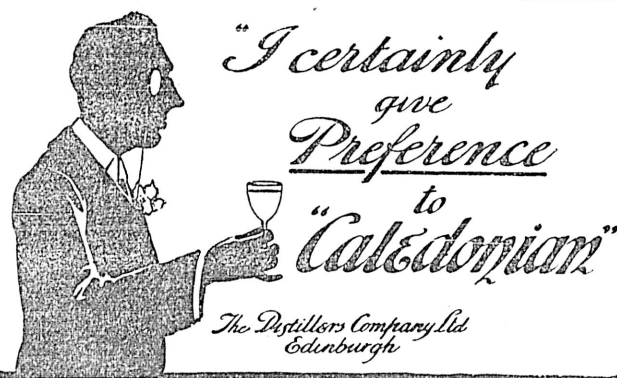
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## ALBERNI WATERWORKS BEFORE JUDGE MARTIN

Certificate Will Not Be Granted Pending Hearing of Second Application

The Alberni Waterworks company made their adjourned application before Judge Martin yesterday for a certificate enabling them to carry out the purposes for which they were incorporated, namely the supplying of water to the town of Old Alberni. They made their original application some time ago to Judge Martin and the matter was adjourned in order that further material might be prepared. H. B. Robertson appeared for the applicants.

The application is being strongly opposed by the Alberni Land company and the E. & N. railway company, who were represented in court yesterday by R. T. Elliott, K.C., their chief objection apparently being that the proposed water system will shortly become inadequate if the town grows as those living there believe, and that the company is not financially able to take care of this new growth. The Somass Waterworks company, also represented by Mr. Elliott, desires to supply water in the same territory drawn from the Somass river. It claims to be able to furnish all the water needed if the original company is not granted a certificate which would have, it is claimed, the effect of a virtual monopoly.

Mr. Justice Martin seemed very chary about granting the right asked for, complaining that it was not shown to him that the applicants would be able to take care of any considerably increased population. Mr. Robertson

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said that they could supply 5,000 people with their present resources, which could be considerably increased by the construction of reservoirs. Mr. Ward, the organizer of the company, was already supplying the town, drawing his water from Rogers creek. He read petitions which he said were signed by practically all the residents of Alberni.

His lordship, however, still thought the data insufficient, and remarked that he believed Alberni was going to be a substantial place and that if he could help it, he was not going to saddle it with an insufficient water system like Oak Bay, for instance. He also referred to the water troubles in Victoria. Eventually the matter was adjourned on the understanding that the Somass company would apply for its certificate not later than the middle of March, and that one of the conditions of its being granted, if it were granted, would be that Mr. Ward would receive a fair compensation, to be fixed by the judge, for his undertaking which would be bought out by the new one. His lordship remarked that of course the Somass concern would have to satisfy him that it was responsible, and financially able to take care of the undertaking in a proper way.

Mr. Ward, Mr. Ellis, R. J. Burde and other citizens of Alberni were interested auditors of the argument.

## MUTE EVIDENCES OF WAYS THAT ARE DARK

Former Crimes Recalled By Yearly Housecleaning Operations

Evidences of wealth in large figures were visible in the local detective office yesterday afternoon. Large rolls of bills, with scores of cheques littered the table and Sergeant Detective Palmer, as he sat amid the carelessly scattered money and papers looked like a bank teller at the height of a run upon his institution. But it was only make-believe money, what, in the vernacular is shortly termed "phony." A species of house cleaning was in progress and from drawers and recesses the mute evidences of former crimes committed here were hauled forth. The cheques were all, at some previous period, the means by which local business men had been victimized. The total face value of the documents run up into the hundreds, but not one of the business-like looking slips proved to be worth the paper on which some smooth forger had raised considerable cash. Tucked away in a corner of one of the drawers was located an imposing looking roll of money which, at first glance, might well excite envy but it proved to be a parcel of worthless Confederate State paper money. The roll consisted of twenties, one hundred and even as high a denomination as a five hundred dollar bill, but since the confederacy has been extinct for many years the commercial value of the "roll" is absolutely nil. But the roll brought in much good coin of the realm several years ago to a young woman who victimized several Chinese merchants here before they found out that the valuable articles which they had given in exchange had been bartered for nothing.

Only once since the roll came into the possession of the police has it proved of any value and then in a manner which the financial agents of the Confederate States never contemplated. It so happened that some years ago a woman, adjudged insane, had to be taken to the New Westminster asylum. Her particular hallucination seemed to be her belief that she was entitled to more of this world's goods than she had received. Money had a peculiar fascination for her. Everything was in readiness for her trip to the asylum but she refused to go, and nothing seemed left for the authorities but to forcibly take her to New Westminster. But a happy expedient was hit upon. The woman's belief in some great wealth which was to fall to her share was used to accomplish the task. The bunch of worthless anti-bellum paper money was shown to her with the half-century bill prominently displayed on the outside and under the promise that the roll would be hers as a first payment of the "estate" which was soon to come to her, she concurred in the wishes of the police with such alacrity that the next day she was safely ensconced in the asylum.

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in the detective office has played its part and together with many other evidences of past crime form an interesting collection of the methods that are dark.

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Toronto, Dec. 18.—A New York despatch says: It became known yesterday that the C. P. R. had made an offer to the Wisconsin Central for control of its property. A representative of the Wisconsin Central said the offer was based on a guarantee of Wisconsin Central preferred stock of 4 per cent, but that it was declined, and that

for the present all negotiations were off.

### Toronto License Fight

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Sunday school workers of Toronto have decided upon a unique plan in order to influence the vote in favor of license reduction on Wednesday, December 30. It is proposed to have a monster demonstration of Sunday school scholars, who will be conveyed through the streets. The scholars will wear badges, on which will be printed: "Vote for me," "The Boy or the Bar," "Vote for License Reduction."

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The subscription list of those desirous of aiding the Shaftesbury Society of London, Eng., to provide Christmas cheer for needy children, is growing daily and will exceed that of last year. On that occasion the total amount reached \$354.20, while this year already \$336.30 has been subscribed, and the list will remain open until Monday, when the total amount will be cabled to Sir John Kirk, secretary of the society. The names of the subscribers follow:

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C. P. R. Continues Sailings to the Queen Charlotte Islands

The Council of the Board of Trade met yesterday morning, the president Mr. Simon Leiser in the chair and others present Messrs. L. A. Genge, A. T. Wilson, Geo. Carter, J. A. Mara, C. H. Lugin, J. J. Shallerross, Richard Hall, D. E. Ker, T. W. Paterson and J. L. Beckwith.  
The committee on trade and commerce reported that they had been informed by Capt. Troup that the C. P. R. Company fully intended to continue throughout the present winter the existing bi-monthly mail service with the Queen Charlotte Islands, effecting removal by this assurance all ground for apprehension on the part of the settlers that at this season of the year the mails would only arrive once a month.

This committee further submitted a list of twelve subjects, accompanied by the suggestion that these might be framed into suitable resolutions for the submission at the Seventh Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which will assemble in Sidney in New South Wales, during the month of September next. Consideration of these matters was however, deferred until after the holidays.

In view of the fact that the annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association will take place in this city upon the 27th day of January, the Railway Freight Committee recommended that the Board room be placed at their disposal, which was approved.  
A report was also submitted from this committee in reference to the draft of a more simple form of a bill-of-lading than the one which is employed at the present time, for use by the railway companies throughout Canada in the event of its receiving the approval of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners.

Among the conditions which are printed upon the back of this document the committee directed particular attention to clause 9, which defines the liabilities which in certain circumstances would be incurred by the railway companies while they are making use of the waterways, recommending that an amendment which would provide for the assumption by the railway companies of marine risks in connection with the carriage of goods between the Mainland and Vancouver Island. The committee's recommendation that the Board approve of this draft of this bill-of-lading with the proposed amendment was approved.

The Special Committee submitted a report with respect to several matters of importance which have arisen in connection with the Island mail service, but the great majority of



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these items were referred back for further consideration.

### Annual Rugby Ball

At a meeting of the rugby members of the James Bay Athletic association held recently it was decided to give the second annual rugby ball on Saturday, Jan. 16. This ball will take the form of a reception to the McGill university boys who play the James Bay team on this date. It is also hoped

to have the Vancouver Ladies' Hockey team as guests. Last season the J. B. A. A. rugby boys gave their first ball, which was an unqualified success. This year, however, they intend to surpass their previous efforts and elaborate preparations will be made. For this purpose a meeting will be held in the early part of next week to appoint sub-committees and arrange details. Invitations will be sent out in the near future.

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### ELECTION PROTESTS.

Eastern exchanges describe in a graphic way a scene, which took place in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick on the last day for the filing of election petitions. Before that day came it is alleged negotiations had been in progress between the representatives of the two political parties to see if an arrangement could be reached which would prevent any protests from being filed, but they were not successful, and on the day mentioned four attorneys appeared in the Clerk's office, each armed with a petition and the necessary cash deposit. The petitions were against Mr. Pugsley, of St. John, Liberal; Mr. McAllister, of Kings-Albert, Liberal; Dr. Daniel, of St. John, Conservative, and Mr. Crockett, of York, Conservative. Here were all the elements of a nice "saw off," and the papers are unanimous in saying that such a proceeding would have been acceptable all round, if Mr. Fowler, the defeated candidate in Kings-Albert, had been willing. The wires were kept busy with messages from all sorts and conditions of politicians urging Mr. Fowler not to press his protest, but no satisfactory reply was received, so a few minutes before the office closed the attorneys in the three other cases sat around the Clerk's table with their petitions and Dominion notes in their hand. It was a case of four o'clock or Fowler arriving first. With just a minute to his credit, Mr. Fowler's attorney reached the scene and laid his petition and cash on the table, and simultaneously down dropped the other petitions with the requisite cash, and the first step towards maintaining electoral purity in the year of grace 1908 and in the province of New Brunswick had been taken. Such a performance is not calculated to enhance materially the respect and confidence which the public have, or at least ought to have, in the public men of the country. It makes politics look like a game. We are not laying the blame at the door of any individual, or claiming credit for one man more than another. We are simply saying that the incident is calculated to bring the whole matter of election protests into contempt. It makes them appear, not as devices whereby electoral purity can be promoted, but one whereby scheming politicians can secure something that they think worth while. If this were the only case of the kind, the very haphazardness of the exhibition would take some of the harm out of it; but there have been other cases in which protests were not filed, but were withdrawn by virtue of arrangements between the party managers. The history of election protests is such that one may be excused for doubting if the country is in any way the better for them. There is no use in scolding the party managers for the abuse of protests, and by party managers we do not mean the party leaders, but the local managers of campaigns. These people would not dare play fast and loose with the election law if public opinion was not utterly lukewarm in respect to its observance. Politics is too much of a game; but it will remain a game and the laws of the land will be brought into contempt by the men, who are elected to make them, unless public sentiment crystallizes into a demand for honesty in all matters connected with the elections.

### WOMAN AND VOTES

We hear much of the Suffragettes in England, but not much of the anti-Suffragettes. This is doubtless because the doings of the former make the most sensational reading. As a general proposition those who say "do" attract more attention than those who say "don't." But the latter are hard at work in England and are circulating literature of their own. In a leaflet before us attention is drawn to the fact that in the United Kingdom there are 20,102,408 males and 21,356,313 females, and from this it is argued that woman suffrage would give the control of affairs into the hands of women. The obvious reply to this objection is that neither the women nor the men are likely to act in a body, but this reply, though obvious, is not an answer. Granting that women would divide as men divide on public questions, as there are more of them to divide they would be the dominant factor in politics.

Some of the suffragettes seek to meet this objection by proposing a limited woman franchise. It has been suggested that only unmarried women should vote, which would be absurd, as it would give to the young girl with no thoughts above having "a good time" a power in the State, which her mother would not possess, and it would be to penalize marriage, which

the law ought rather to encourage. Another suggestion is that unmarried women should not be allowed to vote, but why deprive an intelligent young woman of the franchise simply because she did not marry? Why not disfranchise the man who remained unmarried? One proposition is as sensible as the other. A third suggestion is that women shall vote on a property qualification, but if women are to vote at all, why apply to them a different rule to what is applied to men? These questions do not trouble the anti-Suffragettes, for they meet them all by saying that women should not vote at all. It is the Suffragettes who are wrestling with them.

If women are to vote, all women ought to vote, or else all men ought not to vote, and if all women vote then say The Women's National Anti-Suffrage League: "Theirs would be the dominant vote. To them would be given the greater responsibility in the appointment of the government that must decide the nation's policy in Imperial Defence, i.e., in all matters concerning the Army and Navy, in our relations with foreign powers, in our relations with our own Colonies and in the government of India." It is true that all men do not vote in the United Kingdom, but the point is that the conditions upon which suffrage might be exercised ought to be identical in the case of men and women, and under such circumstances women would be the dominant factor.

In a circular issued by the League there is the following paragraph: "If women vote, they ought also to hold office and office-holding, on the face of it is incompatible with woman's proper discharge of her duties as a wife and mother. 'Woe betide the land which offers its political trusts as premiums for childless women.' The trusts that women now bear are as sacred as any on earth, and man cannot relieve her of them."

The principle at the base of this paragraph is recognized by many of our cities, which dismiss women school teachers as soon as they get married. It is a surprising thing that the advocates of women suffrage refuse to give any consideration to the physical reasons why women are incapable of discharging all the duties of citizenship. As woman suffrage is not an issue in Canada and is not likely soon to be, it is not necessary for the Colonist to express any opinion one way or the other, but it would have no objection to print letters from the friends of the movement, if they will confine themselves to facts and arguments.

The school children are now free for the Christmas holidays. The exercises yesterday were of an exceptionally interesting character.

The late Emperor of China left behind him one widow of the first class, twenty-seven of the second class and eighty-one of the third class. As Arthurs Ward said of Brigham Young, he was "muchly married."

If permission to appeal the case under the Fishery regulations is a matter which rests wholly in the discretion of the court, it seems regrettable that leave could not have been granted. Presumably there are valid reasons for the refusal.

The story told in our despatches yesterday of the opening of the Turkish parliament reads like a romance. The British world will be unanimous in the hope that Turkey's experiment in representative institutions will prove an unqualified success.

The British government has determined to give the people of India a greater share in the government of the country, without divesting the Imperial authority of any of its power. The outcome of the experiment will be awaited with the keenest interest in all parts of the Empire.

Some years ago a favorite campaign cry was "Has the Ottawa government made you rich?" Judging from the evidence being given before the Cassels inquiry, were the query put today, there are a considerable number of people who are in a position to answer it in the affirmative.

The Toronto branch of the Navy League has decided to offer a prize of \$400 for the best essay on the subject, "Shall Canada Have a Navy of Her Own?" and competition is invited. The rules governing the competition will be forwarded on application to the hon. secretary, H. J. Wickham, Mail and Empire building, Toronto.

The Hamilton Spectator rises to remark: "It is stated that Hon. Mr. Templeman, defeated parliamentary candidate in Victoria, B. C., will return to the senate from whence he came. The gentleman from the Coast province promises to become proficient in the 'as you were' part of the political drill manual."

The Kaiser is going to stop drinking. Surely it was not because he drank too much that he talked so freely, but there are many people who will jump to that conclusion. As a matter of fact the Kaiser has always been a very abstemious and correct living man. He has doubtless declared his abstinence from alcoholic beverages for the sake of the example to others.

The House of Lords has recognized the claim of Mr. Fairfax, of Virginia, to the title of Baron Fairfax, of Cameron. No estates go with the title for they were sold off long ago by an ancestor, who emigrated to Virginia, and the new Lord has no seat in Parliament, the peerage being Scottish. But he is a live Lord just the same, with a title going back to the days of Christopher Columbus.

We think Mr. Beckwith has acted wisely in determining not to enter the

mayorality contest at the forthcoming municipal elections. No doubt he has been moved to this decision very largely by the knowledge that there is well-defined feeling in the city that it is only fair the present incumbent should be given a second term. On another occasion, we are sure, the electors will be very pleased to bestow upon Mr. Beckwith an honor which he thoroughly deserves.

The Dominion government is to be asked to extend the scope of the Volunteer Bounty Act so that all men of the Anglo-Saxon race who took part in the South African war, who were residing in Canada at the time the act came into force, will be enabled to profit under its provisions. The Imperial South African Veterans' Association, which is moving in the matter, has 2,450 paid-up members, and 91 per cent are anxious to settle on land themselves.

Prof. Prince, the Canadian member of the International Fisheries commission, now inquiring into matters affecting the Fraser river and contiguous waters, is quite opposed to the regulations suggested by Dr. David Starr Jordan, the United States commissioner. Prof. Prince should stand firm, and be careful that he is not inveigled into consenting to have all British Columbia salmon branded, as were many of the seals in Behring Sea, at the suggestion of this same Dr. David Starr Jordan.

The arrival of a shipment of freight from England in 46 days, via the Tehuantepec railway and the Canadian-Mexican line, is suggestive of the great volume of business which will ultimately develop over this route, though much better time will be made when all arrangements have been perfected. One would imagine that the success of this route of transportation would have a distinctly revolutionizing effect on existing systems for the transfer of freight between ports in Europe and the Pacific coast of America.

Commenting upon the statement of Mr. Hays, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, that he expected to see Prince Rupert a great wheat-shipping port, the Toronto Globe says he probably had in mind the future market for Canadian grain in the Orient, and not the demands of the United Kingdom and other European points. We shall not assume to say what Mr. Hays had in mind, but it is altogether likely that he is fully aware of the fact that grain is already shipped from Tacoma, Portland and Seattle for the United Kingdom.

"I will live to fight another day," was the comment with which Miss Chrystal MacMillan received the decision of the House of Lords against the claim made by herself and other woman graduates of Scottish universities, to the possession of the right to vote for the university members of parliament. The lord chancellor's judgment, in which the other law lords concurred, was to the effect that from the earliest time to the present day women had been under a disability in regard to voting in parliamentary elections, and if that legal disability was to be removed it must be done by an act of parliament.

The very interesting announcement is made that a party of British bankers will visit Canada in the early summer of 1909 for the first time. This news was brought to Montreal by Mr. Tancred Blenvenue, general manager of the Provincial Bank, and Mr. G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who went to England in connection with the Provincial Bank deal with a large London banking institution and succeeded so well that they state that it is the intention of the financial contingent to take a private car at Montreal and leisurely take in Ontario, the three Prairie provinces, British Columbia, and very likely the Maritime Provinces as well. The general impression is that the excursion in question will lead to large sums of additional capital being invested in the Dominion.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has determined to make a public appeal for funds to enable it to employ permanently an officer to work in its interests. We trust that the necessary financial assistance to this end will be forthcoming. As the situation has been explained to the Colonist, it appears that the Society finds it almost impossible to secure convictions of persons charged with cruelty to animals, owing to the unwillingness of complainants to attend the police court; and it is felt that the only way in which this disability may be overcome is by employing a special officer whose duty it shall be to collect evidence and prosecute. Then, again, it is pointed out that the city is growing rapidly, and has long since "got beyond the facilities of the Society which had proved sufficient in by-gone days.

In special London correspondence it is asserted that a large and influential section of the Liberal party are loud in complaint against the Asquith ministry for not having gone into battle against the Lords, dissolving the House and appealing to the country on the single issue of the Commons vs. the House of Lords. The favorite expression with that section is that "The ministry is taking the insults and defiances of the Lords lying down." They claim that the constituents of the Liberals, especially the working classes dislike this attitude and are beginning to regard the Liberal ministers' attack on the House of Lords as a mere volley of empty words, without meaning

and without sincerity. The majority of the Liberals, however, are satisfied with the programme with which Premier Asquith is carrying on his fight against the Lords.

Referring to Germany's naval estimates, and the debate in the Reichstag, a writer in the Navy League Journal says: "Year by year the protests against the abnormal expansion in the sums asked for the navy grows less vociferous, a circumstance distinctly attributable to the growth of the sea spirit among the deputies. As I stated in a previous article, it is the aim of the Flottenverein to create a Reichstag ready to unconditionally vote the heaviest demands made by the Marine Office, and it certainly appears as if this claim is being rapidly attained." In this connection, the following special cable despatch from Berlin is of interest: Dr. Spahn, leader of the Centre party, referring in the Reichstag to Chancellor Von Buelow's remarks on foreign affairs and the navy, said that as far as England was concerned the number of her ships did not constitute any longer a world standard, because the major portion of the British navy was more than twenty years old."

Some measure of the development of the country along the British Columbia coast may be gained from the statement made by Mr. Barnsley at the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday. He said that the steamers of the Boscowitz Company called at eighty places. These are not all regular stops, but there are eighty calls which the steamers may make in the way of business. We suppose this is also true of the other steamship companies, but as Mr. Barnsley mentioned it, we give him credit for the statement. It will be news to most Colonist readers that there are eighty points on the coast of this province, including Victoria and Vancouver, but not including points on the Island south of Campbell river, or on the Mainland south of Rivers Inlet, or any points on Texada or the islands of the Georgian archipelago, or Queen Charlotte or the West coast where there is from time to time sufficient business to warrant steamers in calling.

A very great amount of attention is being paid to some remarks made at Kingston, Ont., the other day by Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., chairman of the Canadian section of the International Waterways Commission. Referring to the problem of power and waterways, he declared that Americans and other nations would respect us when we learned to respect ourselves. As it was, he said, we find now that when we undertake to attempt to do any business foreign in its nature we are obliged to go to the ambassador at Washington, who, in the very nature of things, does not know as much of Canadian affairs as he should know, and that in his turn this ambassador hands the business over to the Colonial Office at London, which knows still less about Canada, and that finally it comes back to Ottawa, where it should have been attended to in the first place. He admired the spirit of loyalty in Canada, and hoped that our relations with the Old Country would always continue friendly, but if we are to be a self-respecting nation and hoped to gain the respect of kindred Anglo-Saxon and other races, we would have to learn to do, and be free to do, our own business.

"I am sorry to say," writes a private correspondent to a resident of Victoria, "that this has been a record bad season for all kinds of light literature. Novels have been a hopeless drug on the market, and Christmas books have been killed wholesale. The main reason, apart from the fact that there is so much distress and poverty, is the Queen's book of photographs, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to various charities. It has sold in tens of thousands. The drapers' shops are full of it. People enjoy a sort of glow of satisfaction in buying it, thinking that they are getting a cheap gift book and subscribing to charity at the same time. One woman I know bought thirty copies! The wretched authors and illustrators see their living snatched away to go to charity! It is the second time that a sentimental and unbusinesslike idea of 'charity' has upset the whole apple cart of economics. Publishers have been very hard hit, especially as it has been a very heavy publishing season. Several firms are said to be tottering on the verge of ruin. A second Royal book, Queen Victoria's letters, in a cheap edition, has also played its part in killing the ordinary book trade. It brings comparatively little to editor or publisher, but prevents other books being sold. This terrible jeremiad is to illustrate the extreme difficulty of the 'charity' problem. Unemployment and distress must be met by some other means in the future." A system of relieving distress, which takes the bread out of the mouths of people, who can ill-afford to lose it, is hardly wisely planned. The truth of the matter is that the "unemployed" problem cannot be solved by charity. There is something radically wrong in economic conditions which leave so many people out of employment.

What we think, what we know, or what we believe, is in the end, of little consequence. The only thing of consequence is what we do.—Ruskin.

To work out our own contentment we should labor not so much to increase our substance as to moderate our desires.—Sanderson.

Heroic daring is the true success.—T. B. Browning.

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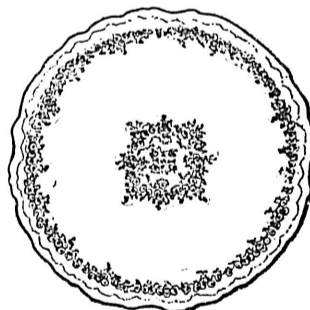
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## NOTE AND COMMENT

At a meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Hero Fund held at Dunfermline recently, a decision was reached to place on the roll the names of Thomas Wright, of St. Helens, Lancashire, and James Thomas Belton, late master of the steamer City of Dundee. An Edinburgh correspondent thus tells of their brave deeds:

Wright was a chemical worker, and lost his life while attempting to save a fellow-workman named Harry Jackson, who fell into a hole containing a large quantity of chemical liquid and was overcome by the fumes. When the accident happened Wright rushed to the spot and lifted Jackson to the ladder leading to the surface. Other men pulled Jackson above ground, and he recovered after artificial respiration had been used. The rescuer collapsed, however, and fell back into the pit. He was brought out by his comrades, but died shortly afterwards. He left a widow and six children, to whom the trustees decided to pay \$12.50 a month, in addition to any sum obtained under the workmen's compensation act. Captain Belton went down with his ship, which sank in St. George's Channel on October 4, less than a quarter of an hour after a collision with the steamer Matina had occurred in a dense fog. He showed great courage and presence of mind in the work of transferring his passengers to the Matina, and lost his life while attempting to save a woman passenger. The trustees consider he exceeded what could have been expected of him as a matter of duty. They reserved the question of the amount to be paid to his widow and children.

The marvels of the "lynnoscope," the invention by means of which it is claimed any one can see round the world was explained to a newspaper representative by the inventor, who claims that he has proved by actual experiments that his instrument will:

- (1) Allow people in London to see any one in America instantaneously.
- (2) Reflect any written message at once to the most distant places.
- (3) Enable any person to see right through any human being or solid substances as if they were not there.

"The lynnoscope consists of three distinct instruments," said the inventor. "They are used in reflecting images like a mirror, and are not connected by wires or worked by electricity."

"These instruments are:—  
(1) The operator.  
(2) The transmitter.  
(3) The receiver."

"The operator is like a large square box, with a hole at each end, mounted on the end of a telegraph pole, while the transmitter is a similar box. It contains, however, a telescopic arrangement which focusses the image from the operator."

"At the other end, where the image is to be reflected, is another box-like arrangement. At one end it has a large brass funnel like a phonograph, and at the other a screen, on which the image is reflected as in a looking glass."

"All that is necessary in sending reflections any distance over land is to fix a transmitter on the highest available point—a hill-top or a tower—and the image is correctly reflected in the receiver."

"It will be possible to present an actual reflection of the Derby being run to an audience at a matinee at any London theatre. I do not mean a living cinematograph picture, but an actual reflection of the event."

"I have secured perfect reflections at a distance of 186 miles, and I have photographed scenes eighty miles away."

The revolution gradually brought about in woman's dress as a result of the Directorate craze is producing some curious consequences. A Paris correspondent writes:

The dress designers and makers, after having gradually brought about what they describe as a straight line in front, have now directed their attention to the back portion of the fashionable attire, and the decree has gone forth that the straight line, both front and back, is to prevail this winter. The result is to create an entirely new-shaped human being, already nicknamed "la femme tube," or "the tube woman," because the few women seen so far in the very latest style of Directorate dress resemble walking stovepipes. The new figure requires the wearing of a corset of extraordinary length, resembling certain ancient iron instruments of torture. They are made of rubber or elastic tissue and whalebone, and reach nearly to the knees. Many of these new corsets are on show at the large shops.

Some few evenings ago, President Arthur Twining Hadley, of Yale university, addressed Harvard students at the annual award of academic distinctions, and he is quoted as saying:

"Two generations ago the intellectual ideal of the graduates and students of most of our colleges was the student debater. Now it is no longer the debater, but the athlete, who occupies the centre of the stage. Now it is no longer success in oratory, but success in sport which is over-idealized. Whether we should be better off if we had less athletic interest in our colleges and universities is a matter about which there may be difference of opinion. There is, I think, no difference of opinion that we should be a great deal better off if public attention were more largely fixed on the intellectual prizes and less upon the athletic ones. The way to make the American people more interested in scholarships than in athletics is by proving that our prize scholars, even more than our prize athletes, represent the type of men for which there is a public need."

The British bark Sussex has been sold to the Italians. This vessel loaded lumber on the Sound twice in the last year and a half. She left Tacoma with lumber last March and discharged at London. Her name has not yet been changed.

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The strangest idiosyncrasy of the human race, perhaps, is that of doubting the practicability and success of great undertakings, and of offering to the last hour a persistent opposition to their adoption. The Overland railroad, the greatest of modern undertakings, is a striking illustration of this pitiable weakness in man. Yet what will its opponents say now to the paragraph we published a day or two since, giving the transit of freight over the line in its present unfinished state? Twelve hundred and seventy-five tons in one week, with five hundred more waiting shipment at Sacramento, and altogether reaching one hundred and fifty cars is the grand result presented. Two questions of deep interest to ourselves arise out of this fact. First, is the American transcontinental railroad, which before it is finished, begins with a freight business of 100,000 tons a year, a success? Second, what can we do to participate in a business destined, when the line is completed, to be of such enormous magnitude? We answer, it is obvious. The line is a success, and the next best thing for Great Britain to do is to imitate the example thus set her. The far-seeing men in San Francisco and Sacramento, to whose persistent efforts the world owes this great boon, always contended that one line would be sufficient, and their sagacious foresight is now confirmed. Let, then, the people of England take the idea up in earnest, without fear of future reward. Let them build a line at once over our portion of the continent, and that line, like the California line, from the first hour of its existence will be overcrowded with freight. If this idea is not at once taken up by the nation, and carried out with the vigor evinced by the Americans, we may be assured that in less than two years the merchant marine of England will be reduced to one-third of its present tonnage.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

Seventy-three years ago was born the fifth Earl Spencer, the friend and confidant of Mr. Gladstone, and the holder of many important and responsible official positions. Worncliffe, in Warwickshire, and Althorp, in Northamptonshire, have been for centuries the patrimony of the house of Spencer, and there are many anecdotes and traditions connected with their tenure. One of the latter asserts that no Spencer may ever possess twenty thousand sheep. Disease is alleged always to attack them when their number reaches nineteen thousand. The reason for this is alleged to be a punishment on all holders of the title for the wickedness of Sir John Spencer, a very early ancestor, who converted many hundred acres of common lands and pasturage into ploughed fields. He is said to have destroyed houses, churches and villages, and only to have left one church standing, which he converted into a barn for sheep. Thus came the curse on the flocks of Spencer.

Mr. Gerald Arbuthnot, Unionist, for Burnley, made a very plucky fight for that constituency in 1905, and was only beaten by just over 300. He has been unpaid private secretary to Mr. Walter Long since 1894. He is the only son of the late General William Arbuthnot, C.B., and of Selma, daughter of Sir Thomas de la Motte, of Montreille, great-grandson on one side of Viscount Gough, the great field-marshal, and of the twelfth Earl of Kinnoull on the other. His mother was one of the eight beautiful Miss Montreilles, who took London by storm in the sixties. His wife is a niece of Mr. Henry Oppenheim. A nephew of General Arbuthnot, his first wife's history was a most tragic one, which some may recollect. She was the Hon. Alice Pitt, a daughter of Lord Rivers, and sister of the last Duke of Leeds. The young couple had been married a fortnight, and were on their wedding tour. When stopping at Murren and out on a short expedition in the mountains they lost their way in a storm. Captain Arbuthnot (as he then was) left his young wife for ten minutes to inquire the way, and when he returned found her lying dead, struck by lightning.

Dr. Gabrieli, the richest and most influential man in Switzerland, has died at Lugano at the age of ninety-five, leaving a fortune of a little over \$5,000,000, the greater part of which he made in America. He bequeathed most of his money to charities. The doctor was never married and lived in the beautiful chateau of Ciani, with only two servants. He employed a large number of gardeners to look after his magnificent park. The millionaire wore the shabbiest of clothes, and one of his amusements was to conduct tourists over the park in the role of a gardener and to receive their tips. He neither smoked, drank intoxicants, nor gambled, and used to boast that he lived on four shillings a day.

How many people know that the practice of laying the poker against the top bar of the fire-grate to induce a draught is sound scientifically? Mr. A. H. Gibson has been explaining the matter to the Manchester Literary and Scientific Society. The results of some experiments he had made were thus stated:—"It became clear that in practically every case the draught over the region measured was very sensibly increased by the presence of the poker. The effect was even more marked at a short distance past the tip of the poker than in the plane containing the tip." In one experiment the draught was increased by as much as 33 per cent. Mr. Gibson holds that the explanation of the phenomenon is to be found in the fact that when a current of air impinges on a fixed body eddies are formed on its lee side, where a region of low pressure (below that of the atmosphere) in consequence exists. "There is a tendency to inward flow towards this from all surrounding regions, accompanied by a consequent inward and upward flow towards and along the under side of the poker and towards the fire, this taking place along its whole length, but particularly from its lower end, which is shielded from the direct influence of the draught. In addition to this the air which is deflected by immediate contact with the upper surface of the poker tends, in virtue of its viscosity, to induce a secondary current in the same direction in the surrounding air." The net result of these considerations is that a large volume of air passes the region immediately surrounding the poker, its direction being brought more nearly parallel to the poker.

The steamship Queen arrived shortly after 3 o'clock this morning from San Francisco.

## BRITISH OPINION

Mr. Asquith and his colleagues, the Standard thinks, may be congratulated on their moral courage in throwing over the "Education Bill," and facing the ridicule which they have richly deserved. Whatever pretext may be assigned on Monday for the decision which the Prime Minister announced, the country understands that Mr. Runciman's measure has been abandoned because few people thought it worth saving, and to persist with it would have been to court disaster. One merit it did possess—it was so drafted as to offer the framework of a scheme which all parties might fairly have accepted. We sympathize sincerely in the disappointment felt both at Lambeth Palace and in Downing Street, and the only consolation we can suggest is that in the circumstances could the Bill have made good the modest promise of its beginnings. So far from bringing peace to the schools, it would probably have introduced an element of strife, while every parish in which the question was raised either as to the right of entry or of contracting out would have been afflicted with a standing agitation. Even if amended by Parliament in a generous spirit, the Bill would have placed an instrument of oppression in the hand of a bigoted local authority, while the Nonconformists would have exchanged their present almost imperceptible grievance in the single-school area for an acute sense of wrong at seeing the sanctuaries of Cowper-Temple religion violated by ecclesiastical doctrine.

The Daily Chronicle says:—Why has the compromise been killed? And who killed it? On each of these questions it is important that there should be no mistake. We are told that negotiations have broken down on a question of "a few shillings more or less." This is a completely misleading way of stating the case. The negotiations have broken down on a great question of principle. The whole idea of the settlement on the Government side was, as Mr. Runciman says in his letter to the Archbishop, that there should be a national system, with the number of contracted out schools reduced to the smallest possible figure. The idea the Archbishop's friends foisted upon him and desired to import into the settlement was that, while obtaining the right of entry into council schools, the church should get such financial terms as would render contracting out possible in practically all urban areas. From the moment when Mr. Lyttleton sprang the Archbishop's demand for those "few shillings more" upon the House the whole aspect of affairs was changed. Why was this done? Who has killed the compromise? The people who have killed the compromise are the Church extremists, lay and clerical.

The Parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes:—I hear it stated in authoritative quarters that an early dissolution of Parliament is being actively discussed in the Cabinet. Several influential members are said to favor the idea of a general election in January next. They argue that by such tactics they would retain the support of that section of the Nonconformist supporters who, if the education controversy had been got out of the way, would have left them owing to the Socialistic tendencies of their legislation. Moreover, it is now certain that the financial outlook will be very gloomy, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have great difficulty in finding the millions he will require. The cost of old-age pensions is proving much greater than was estimated. Lastly, a January election would be fought on a new register, and Radicals always contend that this is to their benefit.

The Morning Post says:—Mr. Runciman's correspondence with the Archbishop, as published today, tells its own tale. The government have abandoned the attempt to compromise, not because the country has shown itself hostile or apathetic, but in deference to the inmoderate attitude of its own supporters in Parliament, whose policy in so many other instances has already been repudiated in a long series of bye-elections. This latest failure is particularly to be regretted, because owing to the difference of temperament, which at present forms the main line of division between the parties, a settlement effected by a Liberal government would have a better chance of remaining undisturbed than one effected by a Unionist government. As matters stand, it appears that either the existing system must be suffered to continue indefinitely or a final readjustment must be postponed until there is a new House of Commons more truly representative of the national mind. Meanwhile the urgency of the national interest in an early dissolution cannot be overlooked. Unless the Government are sincerely convinced—which surely is no longer possible—that the country remains unalterably hostile to tariff reform they are taking responsibility of the gravest kind in preventing the people from recording their decision.

The Daily Telegraph regrets the fate of the Bill, but regrets still more the intractable temper to which that fate is due. The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr. Runciman (says the newspaper), have done their best, but the sons of Zerah have been too strong for them. Fanaticism has gained another victory over sober sense and good feeling. Still, it is easy now to see how a fatal mistake was committed in bringing the negotiations into the public view before a settlement had been reached on every single point at issue. Perhaps, too, an even greater mistake was made in not inviting at least one of the responsible leaders of the Unionist party to take a hand in the work of negotiation, the whole was more or less to bring in this Bill at this particular moment. A controversy which has gone on for years might well have been left for a few weeks more. The temptation to settle the problem by a coup-de-main ought to have been resisted. It is of course a great thing gained that the moderate men on both sides have been brought to recognize that neither party can impose its will upon the other. But it is difficult to say whether this will outweigh the discouragement inflicted on their hopes by the unfortunate breakdown at the last moment of a proposal which ought to have been given a fair chance of successful working, and we believe would have been given that chance by the local authorities had the Bill become law. We leave others the assignment of the blame. We are content to regret the issue.

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## NEWS OF THE CITY

### Permit for Additions

A building permit was issued yesterday to Mrs. E. Lohrner for an addition to be made to her residence on Connaught road, to cost \$200.

### Anglican Young People Meet.

The weekly meeting of the Anglican Young People's society, in St. John's hall, took the form of a social entertainment, was largely attended and was in every respect a most delightful success.

### Chess Tournament.

The following gentlemen have entered their names among Mr. Piper's eight expected opponents at chess this evening, in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium, J. Mellor, Clement Davies, S. Paul, J. Brown, W. B. Fisher and W. Scowcroft.

### Judge Martin Assigned

Mr. Justice Martin yesterday advised the registrar of the supreme court that he had received an assignment to hold chambers in Victoria. It is understood that he will be in chambers each working day until Christmas.

### Natural History Society Meeting

At the last meeting of the Natural History Society for the present year, which will be held in the Library building on Monday evening next, the secretary, Frank Sylvester, will give some further account of his very interesting reminiscences of pioneer days.

### George Jay Vice-President

George Jay yesterday received the information that he had been elected vice-president of the B. C. Rugby Union. The letter states that he was selected at the meeting of Sept. 20, although this is the first intimation he has received of the fact. Mr. Jay is president of the local Rugby club.

### Strangers' Christmas Dinner.

Forty names of young men, who are absent from home, have already been accepted and placed upon the list of the guests of the Y.M.C.A. Association at the Christmas dinner, which will be given in the Auditorium on Friday next, beginning promptly at noon. The social committee and the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have the matter in charge and these ladies will superintend not only the cooking but all the arrangements.

### H. S. Griffiths Chosen

The provincial secretary has chosen the plans submitted by H. S. Griffiths as those from which the Provincial Asylum at Cowichan will be built, and that gentleman is now working out the details. Mr. Griffiths was one of three architects whose work was selected from the numerous competitors who submitted plans. J. C. McKeith, of Victoria, got the award for the best plans from an architectural standpoint, but Mr. Griffiths' interior arrangements are understood to have been deemed better adapted to the special uses of the institution.

### St. Mary's Sale of Work

This afternoon and evening the young ladies of St. Mary's Society will hold a sale of work at Institute Hall, when a large attendance is expected. Many useful and novel articles will be offered, appropriate for Christmas gifts. The tea room will be in charge of the Misses Gray, while the candy booth will provide dainty confections. A programme of exceptional merit will be rendered. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted towards furnishing a room in the new wing of St. Joseph's hospital.

### Faces Serious Charge

Charged with obtaining money under false pretences, Frederick P. Horsfall, of Esquimalt, was yesterday afternoon arraigned before Magistrate Jay at the police court, but the case was remanded until Monday morning, Horsfall being taken back to the cells where he will remain unless he can furnish sufficient bail to allow of his being given his liberty. No evidence was taken yesterday. It is alleged that Horsfall recently sold to the Stewart Williams Company, auctioneers, Fort street, a quantity of household furniture for which he received \$4250. A few days later the company was notified by Mrs. Horsfall that the furniture was hers, and that Horsfall had no right nor authority to dispose of it. As a result, a warrant was issued for Horsfall's arrest.

### Ship Sale at Metropolitan.

The young lady members of Mrs. Armon's Sunday school class realized during yesterday afternoon and evening a very respectable sum for missions, through their ship sale and ship social, which was held in the lecture room of Metropolitan church. Everything about the room and the programme had a nautical air. The articles upon sale were tastefully arranged in a boat, and the hall was abundantly hung with a great variety of flags, which were loaned from the good ship Egeria. A sailor assisted in the decorations, and no effort was spared to interest and amuse the young ladies. Tea was promptly served at 4 p.m. Four bells, which in the vulgar language of common, everyday life, signifies that it has just gone six o'clock, and the very menu card bore the shape of a ship.

### Sold Liquor to Indians.

Mr. Thomas O'Connell, a Dominion constable, made a trip to Saanich yesterday, and arrested Robert Irvine, who has been giving the officials of the Indian department a great deal of trouble through supplying liquor to Indians upon the different reservations on the island, and brought him before Indian Agent W. R. Robertson, the Indian agent of Cowichan, and M. K. R. Streetfield, J.P., of Saanich. Irvine pleaded guilty to the charge, and was at once sentenced to imprisonment for a term of six months at hard labor, and without the option of a fine, in the county goal of this city. Not only was liquor found in the possession of the accused, but he was arrested in an Indian's house in company of two Indians, who were under the influence of ardent spirits, and the evidence was altogether too convincing to justify any attempt at defence. It is felt that this conviction will have a salutary and deterring effect upon others, who are inclined to break the law in the same manner, and even the whites who live in the neighborhood of these reservations are deeply interested in the forced cessation of these evil practices. Irvine was convicted, in Cowichan, some five years ago, of the same serious offence.

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### THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 18, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure continues abnormally high over the north Pacific slope from Cassiar to California, while storm areas have moved down from the northward through the Prairie provinces the centre of the disturbance being in southern Keewatin. With the exception of light rain at Port Simpson fine cold weather has been very general both west and east of the Rockies.

### TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	33	40
Vancouver	35	38
New Westminster	24	36
Kamloops	12	20
Barriereville	12	20
Port Simpson	38	42
Atlin	34	36
Dawson, Y. T.	6 below 2	10
Calgary, Alta.	10	38
Winnipeg, Man.	8	19
Portland, Ore.	26	34
San Francisco, Cal.	38	48

### FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Saturday:

Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly, fair and cold.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, fair and cold.

FRIDAY.

Highest	40
Lowest	33
Mean	36
Sunshine, 5 hours, 12 minutes.	

### TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.

Date	Time	High	Time	High	Time	Low
1	2:36	2:10	27	8:16	57	6:19
2	3:25	3:10	45	8:17	47	5:22
3	4:13	4:10	53	8:18	37	4:24
4	5:01	5:01	61	8:19	27	3:24
5	5:49	5:51	69	8:20	17	2:24
6	6:37	6:39	77	8:21	7	1:24
7	7:25	7:27	85	8:22	0	12:24
8	8:13	8:15	93	8:23	0	11:24
9	9:01	9:03	101	8:24	0	10:24
10	9:49	9:51	109	8:25	0	9:24
11	10:37	10:39	117	8:26	0	8:24
12	11:25	11:27	125	8:27	0	7:24
13	12:13	12:15	133	8:28	0	6:24
14	1:01	1:03	141	8:29	0	5:24
15	1:49	1:51	149	8:30	0	4:24
16	2:37	2:39	157	8:31	0	3:24
17	3:25	3:27	165	8:32	0	2:24
18	4:13	4:15	173	8:33	0	1:24
19	5:01	5:03	181	8:34	0	12:24
20	5:49	5:51	189	8:35	0	11:24
21	6:37	6:39	197	8:36	0	10:24
22	7:25	7:27	205	8:37	0	9:24
23	8:13	8:15	213	8:38	0	8:24
24	9:01	9:03	221	8:39	0	7:24
25	9:49	9:51	229	8:40	0	6:24
26	10:37	10:39	237	8:41	0	5:24
27	11:25	11:27	245	8:42	0	4:24
28	12:13	12:15	253	8:43	0	3:24
29	1:01	1:03	261	8:44	0	2:24
30	1:49	1:51	269	8:45	0	1:24
31	2:37	2:39	277	8:46	0	12:24

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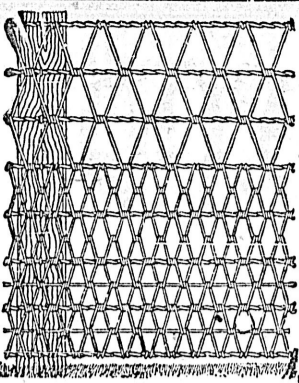
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## IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COQUITLAM ASYLUM

Hon. Dr. Young Leaves for the  
Place to Direct Commence-  
ment of the Work

Hon. Dr. Young left last night for  
Coquitlam in order to get the work  
started in the government farm there.  
There are 460 acres of excellent land  
lying along the Coquitlam river from  
the railroad down to its confluence  
with the Fraser, but in order to cul-  
tivate this to the best advantage it  
will be necessary to dyke it. The dyke  
will run along the bank of the river  
behind a small Indian reserve, about  
eight acres in extent, and so on to  
the Fraser river. It will probably cost  
in the neighborhood of \$14,500.

The contract for doing this work  
has been let to Courtland and Pike,  
two farmers in the Delta district, who  
possess the necessary dredges and are  
generally thoroughly well equipped for  
this class of work. They will start  
in right away as soon as Dr. Young  
gets down to the place.

Dr. Young hopes that once the farm  
is going properly that the institution  
will be practically self-supporting. At  
present the monthly milk bill is \$3,000  
but this time next year, the doctor  
hopes that there will be a sufficient  
herd of cattle on the place to supply  
the inmates with milk and also en-  
able them to make their own butter.  
There are at present about ten cattle  
there, as well as a large number of  
pigs. The latter are fattened and  
traded for beef and about provide for  
the meat bill already. The piggeries  
are said to be the most up-to-date in  
the province. There is a temporary  
building already at Coquitlam and the  
inmates there are put to work help-  
ing to clear the land. The out-of-door  
exercise is having a most beneficial  
effect upon them, and while not the  
most strenuous of workers, in course  
of time they accomplish a good deal.

At present most of the unfortunates  
under the care of the provincial au-  
thorities are at New Westminster and  
the acute cases will be kept there for  
some time, as only one building will  
be constructed at first. This will prob-  
ably entail an outlay of about \$250,000,  
though when the entire institution is  
finished something like a million and a  
half will have been invested. This,  
however, will be spread over ten or  
fifteen years, as the intention is to  
add fresh accommodations according  
to the comprehensive plans which have  
been adopted as the population of the  
province grows and more room is need-  
ed. At present there is no need of an  
institution of the size which is fore-  
shadowed for the future. But as the  
asylum will consist of separate build-  
ings, connected by covered corridors,  
there will be no difficulty in making  
the new additions without interfer-  
ing with the patients already there.

Surveys are being made of the 460  
acres referred to in the hope that only  
one drainage gate through the dyke  
will be needed, instead of one into the  
Coquitlam and one into the Fraser as  
at present provided. If the gate into  
the Fraser can be dispensed with the  
result will be a saving of about \$1,000  
on the figure given as the probable  
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The surest way not to fail is to  
determine to succeed.—Sheridan.  
It is a man's education to be cast  
on his own resources.—Hillis.

## RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT PAYS MONEY AT LAST

C. D. Mason Arranging for the  
Moneys Due to Crew of the  
Vancouver Belle

The members of the crew of the  
sealing schooner Vancouver Belle,  
which was captured by the Russian  
cruiser Vaukt in the Behring sea in  
1892, are at last getting the money  
that is owing to them by way of  
compensation. It will be remembered  
that four sealing schooners were cap-  
tured at about the same time and un-  
der similar circumstances, the crews  
placed in prison, and the skins and  
equipment confiscated. The boats  
were about 30 miles off the Copper  
Islands when they were taken.

Complaints were made to the Right  
Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, at that time  
secretary for the colonies, and negoti-  
ations with Russia were opened. Rus-  
sia at first refused to entertain the  
claim, but later the matter was taken  
up again. During the last negotia-  
tions a lawyer named Little, hailing  
from Woodstock, Ont., was sent over  
to England by the Dominion govern-  
ment to represent the schooners. He,  
it is understood, opened independent  
negotiations with the result that the  
claims of two of the vessels were drop-  
ped, and the sum of \$48,000 awarded to  
the Vancouver Belle and the Cur-  
melite. Why only two of the sealing  
schooners should have obtained com-  
pensation has never been fully under-  
stood on the coast, as the circum-  
stances surrounding the four captures  
were of a similar character.

The next thing was to get the money.  
For Russia is a slow payer. She has  
however sent the money at last, which  
has been forwarded to Vancouver. G. D.  
Mason, of the legal firm of Mason &  
Mann, is handling a number of the  
claims, and yesterday returned from  
Vancouver, where he went to make ar-  
rangements for the paying over of their  
money to several members of the  
crew. It is understood that there are  
several persons entitled to compensa-  
tion whose whereabouts are at pre-  
sent unknown, and they would do well  
to make application immediately, either  
through the collector of customs or  
the legal firm mentioned.

## INN PROPRIETOR IS VICTIM OF FORGER

A Crook Passes Cheques to  
Which Capt. Troup's Name  
Was Forged

The police are now looking for the  
individual who on Tuesday night last  
victimized the proprietor of the Ship  
Inn, Store street, by securing cash for  
two forged cheques. The total amount  
secured was \$35, one cheque being for  
\$22.50, and the other for \$12.50.

The former cheque was signed by  
"F. W. Troup," and made payable to  
A. B. Brown. The body of the cheque  
was filled in in typewriting and across  
one end were typewritten the words  
"British Columbia Coast Service, C.  
P.R." and beneath, as if stamped with  
a rubber stamp, were the words "Dec.  
15, A.P." evidently intending to con-  
vey the impression that the cheque had  
been accepted either by the bank or  
by the company. The other cheque  
was the same except that it was for  
\$12.50 and was signed "Capt. F. W.  
Troup."

Both cheques, which were on the  
Bank of Montreal forms, were endor-  
sed by the stranger "A. B. Brown." In  
the presence of the proprietor of the  
Ship Inn, the forger secured the full  
amount of cash for the cheques and  
after spending a couple of dollars for  
drinks left and has not been seen since.

The signature to the cheques, pur-  
porting to be that of Capt. J. W.  
Troup, general superintendent of the  
B. C. Coast Service of the C.P.R., are  
crude forgeries, the "Capt." prefixing  
the signature on the \$12.50 cheque  
having evidently been inserted as an  
afterthought. The cheques, when  
presented at the bank were proved to  
be forgeries and the matter was re-  
ported to the authorities.

## LONGSHOREMAN IN DANGER OF DROWNING

Croesus of Waterfront Res-  
cued From Icy Waters of  
James Bay

Stanley Johnson, the longshoreman  
who recently came into some money,  
a legacy from relatives in Great Bri-  
tain, was pulled out of the icy waters  
of James Bay yesterday afternoon  
when nearly drowning, by W. Ahearn,  
wharfinger at the Alaska Steamship  
Company's wharf.

Johnson was recently released from  
the lockup where he had been serving  
time for drunkenness. He at once  
commenced to celebrate his regained  
freedom, and when fairly well supplied  
with cheering fluids, he went rowing.  
Choosing a flat bottomed punt, he en-  
tered it and set out from the north end  
of the causeway. When about thirty-  
five yards from shore he stood up  
and losing his balance upset the  
crank craft.

He swam three or four strokes to  
a nearby anchored skiff and clinging  
to it set up a feeble yell for help.  
Few persons noticed him and it was  
only when he attracted the attention  
of Ahearn that a boat was poled  
around from the adjacent boathouse  
and the longshoreman rescued.

Wet and dripping as he was, his  
Dutch courage stayed with him how-  
ever, and the friends who thronged  
around him from a saloon in the  
neighborhood were unable to haul him  
away to dry clothes and home before  
he had seen his quondam craft righted  
and brought ashore.

## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE IN REGULAR SESSION

Arrangements for Opening of  
Nurses' Home at Royal  
Jubilee

The executive committee of the  
Royal Jubilee hospital met at four  
o'clock yesterday afternoon, the presi-  
dent, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, in the  
chair, and present Messrs. E. A.  
Lewis, H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C.; J.  
W. Holden, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, D. E.  
Campbell and J. S. Forman.

The finance committee reported the  
payment of \$4,155.66 for the month of  
November, distributed as follows: Sal-  
aries, \$1,243.90, and accounts \$2,911.76.  
The house committee reported hav-  
ing made an outlay of some \$80 in the  
purchase of hose, nozzles and racks  
for the children's and Strathcona  
wards, as a means for additional pro-  
tection in the event of fire.

Dr. Hasell, the house physician, re-  
ported the number of patients during  
the month of November as  
having been 2,333, and after some  
minor business had been transacted  
the meeting was adjourned. Subse-  
quently the house committee arrang-  
ed certain necessary details in con-  
nection with the opening of the new  
and commodious Nurses' Home, which  
will formally take place on Tuesday,  
the 5th of January, when between the  
hours of 4 and 6 o'clock in the af-  
ternoon and also between the hours of  
8 and 10 o'clock in the evening the  
many and warm friends of this useful  
institution will be afforded ample op-  
portunity for making a careful in-  
spection of the new home and its ap-  
pointments. This fine building is at the  
present moment practically complet-  
ed, and several of its handsome apart-  
ments will in all probability be oc-  
cupied during the coming week.

**The Way to Wait**  
O whether by the lonesome road that  
lies across the sea,  
Or whether by the hill that stoops,  
Rock-shedded, to the sea,  
Or by sail that blows from far, my  
love returns to me!  
No fear is hidden in my heart, to make  
my face less fair,  
No tear is hidden in my eye to dim  
the brightness there—  
I wear upon my cheek the rose a happy  
bride should wear.  
For should he come not by the road,  
and come not by the hill,  
And come not by the far away, yet  
come he surely will—  
Close all the roads of all the world,  
love's road is open still!  
My heart is light with singing (though  
the pity me my fate  
And drop their voices as they pass my  
garden gate).  
For love that finds a way to come can  
find a way to wait!  
—Isabel Ecclestone Mackay, in Har-  
per's Magazine.

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9 lbs. for ..... 50c	JAM—Pure Raspberry, Plum, Apricot, Melon, 4-lb. tin, 50c
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COCONUT—Shredded, per lb. ..... 20c	JELLY POWDER—Trophy, 4 packets for ..... 25c
FINNAN HADDIE—Fresh, per lb. .... 15c	GELATINE—Cox's, per pkt. 10c
HONEY—in the Comb, per sec- tion ..... 25c	JAM—Essex Brand, 1 lb. jar 10c
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# In Woman's Realm

## HERE AND THERE

Lady Gay in Toronto Saturday Night advises women to look for the good instead of the bad traits in those whom they know. She believes that it is possible by this means not only to improve our own characters but to make real and valuable friendships. She says:

"I know one woman who always set my back up as soon as she came into sight. Once I saw her at her best, transformed by great love, care, and usefulness, into a superior being. I have clung to that one sight so persistently ever since that lesser things in her which rubbed me the wrong way have faded and ceased to influence me; the personality which was insupportable has become a grateful presence, a sweet subject of contemplation. I really like her, and I shall always like her, because I have only a beautiful mental association with her. To like people, it is only necessary to take them at their best—everyone has a best somewhere—and it is surprising how instinctively we respond to a kindly treatment in this line. They like you, they trust you, because they know you have been kind, and not critical or exacting. You need not make it obvious, nor say one word. These things are in the air, creating a happy atmosphere of peace and goodwill. If you who glance over this page, have some betwixt-nor, who throws a shadow on your brightest morning, get busy at once in the cultivation of an affection for their good points, as busy at least as you have instinctively been in resenting what seem to you their bad traits. I can think of nothing more beautiful with which to celebrate the approaching season, nothing more likely to be a gift of value all round, blessing good and coming back, than a wise cultivation of affection where now the weeds of dislike and distaste are eating up the virtue of your heart-garden, and bearing fruit of poison for the soul."

Professor Metchnikoff, the Russian scientist, who has just captured a share of the Nobel prize, believes that in the future human life will be much longer than it is now. He considers that men and women will be young at eighty, and that he who dies at a hundred and fifty will not be old. This scientist has determined to devote the rest of his own life, and all the means at his disposal, to showing other people how they may prolong their years. Prof. Metchnikoff believes that mankind shorten their lives by breaking nature's laws, moral and physical. There are many people in the world who would live under existing circumstances, want to live a century and a half. Into the lives of most of those who have reached the years of three score and ten there has been enough of sorrow and care and trouble to make them willing to lay down the burden of living. But if a race of men could be taught to live in the light of being, the infirmities that cause so much of our suffering would have no existence. The dream is a wonderful one and the man who believes in the possibility of its fulfillment is to be envied. In the meantime the teachings of the Russian professor will, if he can, enable many people in this world to live more comfortably and happily.

The question of Christmas gifts is being debated in many of the columns of the Women's pages. There seems to be a general feeling that the custom has become a tax on the time and purses of women which does not give an adequate return. There is little doubt that there is a good deal of merely conventional giving at this season. The gift that goes without the giver is worthless at any time but at Christmas time it is against the whole spirit of the season. Then it is said that people give more than they can afford. This, too, is true in many cases. Yet when all this is granted there are very few who would like to see the custom abolished. Any gift no matter how small, if given for love's sake, has a value not to be measured by money. It cannot but be good for us to spend time and thought and money in trying to please others. It is the one time of the year when we may freely show to dear friends outside the circle of our own family that they are dear to us. Even with our very own the bonds that hold us together are made stronger by the knowledge that we have made mutual sacrifices in order to give happiness. To the children the day means so much and it takes so little to render them happy that no one grudges the gifts they receive.

It is true that for those who have little to give at this season their poverty has a deeper sting. But after all, there are none who cannot send loving messages or give kind greetings. If we can banish from our hearts all thought of self seeking all the pride that makes it a pain to receive a greater gift than we give, if we are careful to give only what is our own we may each one in the few days that are left before the Christmas season make or buy our present with a certainty that we are doing right. Our daily lives are full enough of the commonplace, for once in the year we may indulge in the greatest of luxuries unrepented.

There is, perhaps, no way that the mistress of a house can do a greater kindness at Christmas time than by bringing into her family someone who is a stranger in the city. There are many men and some women who are this year spending their first Christmas away from home. The day would be less lonely and the bitterness of separation felt less keenly if places were found for them at family dinner tables or if they could join in the evening's merry-making. Especially is this true of women. But that men, too, would appreciate such kindness was

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shown by a recent remark of a Victoria gentleman, who said:

"I have not been home on Christmas day for years. I had, the other day, a business call from a distant city which would prevent my spending the day with my wife and children, but I simply could not go."

Not the least, though certainly one of the most pleasant of the duties which devolves upon the homemakers of Victoria at Christmas time is that of exercising a whole-souled hospitality.

## Frummenty

A lady wants a recipe for the English dish known as Frummenty or Frummenty. A search through several cook books has not been successful. If any lady has a copy of the recipe she would confer a favor by sending it to this department for publication.

## WOMAN'S WORK

The rooms of the Friendly Help Society will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of receiving contributions. On Tuesday the District Visitors will meet to prepare the boxes and it is hoped that by Wednesday the work will have been finished. It is hoped that all who intend to help the ladies in their good work will send their gifts in as early as possible.

Before dispersing for the holidays the children of the various schools brought their annual donations to the Friendly Help Society. At the Girls' School an account was kept of the various gifts and shows that the children in attendance there are both generous and thoughtful. The cash contributions of the girls amounted to \$14. To this the teachers added \$5.40. There were besides 67 bread tickets, 115 packages of groceries, 76 packages of clothing, 59 parcels of toys and books and 75 bottles of jam.

The Fancy Dress Cinderella dance to be given at Government House, under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity on Monday evening, promises to be a most successful event. Apart from the charm exerted by the sight of happy children, the cause in which it is held should compel public appreciation and patronage. Through the kindness of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dunsinuir, it will be held at Government House. A rumor is current that invitations have to be secured to attend this function, that is altogether an error. The same rules govern the arrangements as hitherto ever since the Daughters of Pity initiated the event ten years ago. All are invited, all are welcome, and the reception committee Miss Marion Fell, (president) Mrs. C. E. Wilson, (vice-pres.) Miss Dunsinuir and the society of the Daughters of Pity assisted by Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. E. S. Hasell and Mrs. George Simpson will do all possible to give the little ones an enjoyable evening and to make strangers welcome. This committee will all wear the "Red Cross badge" and will be easily discernible, and at the service of all, for introductions and general references.

Miss Thain's orchestra will be in attendance. The doors will be open at 7.30 and the floor will be given to the little ones until 10 p.m., when the Grand March past will take place and an opportunity afforded the children to greet their host and hostess. This march of the children with all their bright faces and gay costumes is a sight once seen never to be forgotten and should induce non-dancers to attend and witness a happy scene and participate in a very pleasurable evening.

Tickets may be procured from any members of the Daughters of Pity, from Mrs. Hasell at the Alexandra Club and from Messrs. Chalmers and Mitchell, Victoria Book and Stationery Company, T. M. Hibben & Co., and W. H. Wilkerson.

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## TRIED RECIPES

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Almost every housekeeper knows how to roast a turkey, but a few hints on details may not come amiss. In cleaning the turkey, wash the inside with salty water and dry with a piece of cheese cloth, also wash and wipe the outside, but do not let the turkey soak in the water. The pin feathers should be removed, and for this operation a pair of tweezers are useful. When it has been cleaned, stuffed and trussed, place the turkey on a rack in the dripping pan. It is much better to use a rack than to lay the turkey on the bottom of the pan. The legs and wings will not roast too hard while the remainder is cooking sufficiently. If these portions are spread with butter and flour, wash the butter with a spoon to a creamy consistency and mix with almost as much flour. The breast of the turkey can also be coated with this. Roast in a hot oven. When the flour begins to brown, pour a cup of boiling water into the pan, and baste the first time with butter melted in boiling water. During the cooking, turn the turkey that it may brown evenly. If it is browning too fast, cover with buttered paper to prevent burning. Baste every quarter of an hour, using the fat in the pan. The time usually allowed for roasting a turkey is fifteen minutes for each pound.

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# The Sporting World

## NEW GROUNDS FOR BALL CLUB

Arrangements for Use of Royal Athletic Park Satisfactorily Concluded

## TO ORGANIZE ON SUNDAY

Meeting of Victoria Baseball Association Called For Tomorrow

The Victoria Baseball club will use the Royal Athletic grounds next summer. An understanding, mutually satisfactory, has been reached between the two organizations. In order that the agreement may be signed it has been decided that the ball association be re-organized without delay and, for that purpose, a meeting of all interested parties will be held at the Royal Athletic Park, at the corner of Government street, at 10:30 o'clock on Sunday morning.

L. Plummer, who has been the chief mover in making these arrangements for next season, states that the Royal Athletic park will be so improved that it will furnish the home team with quarters and a playing area second to none on the Pacific coast. At first it was thought that there would not be sufficient room but investigation has shown that it is possible by removing the inner fence next the grand stand and that on the opposite side of the grounds to install a diamond, leaving an outfield as large as the regulations demand. And, in favor of the new baseball centre, it is pointed out that the field will be at least as a billiard board throughout and, being newly laid, will have that spring to it which is imperative in order that the class of ball may be fast, thoroughly testing the efficiency of the contestants' nines, and giving the spectators the finest kind of exhibitions. In addition as the home plate will be directly in front of the centre of the stand those present will be able to watch the progress of matches to the best possible advantage.

**Is More Central.**

But the factor that has been taken into account in the effort to acquire the use of the Athletic park for the baseball club more than any other is its central location. It is claimed by Mr. Plummer and others that the only reason that past endeavor in the line of securing a permanent home for the Victoria team has been so far from successful is that the Oak Bay grounds are too far out. They assert that, as it will be possible for the public to reach the new area in fifteen minutes on foot, every encouragement will be more generously patronized than those which have been held in the last several years.

Now that it is assured that the change of quarters will be made, it is likely that arrangements will be made for a lengthier and more interesting series of contests than Victorians have been given an opportunity of witnessing for some years. Games on Friday night, as well as on Saturday afternoons, are projected. Mr. Plummer thinks that the majority of the season's professional teams which visit here in the summer can be induced to play twice just as easily as they can be persuaded to meet the Islanders once and he feels confident that more ball, if it is of the proper kind, would be appreciated by the local fans.

Another plan which Mr. Plummer and those associated with him have in mind is bringing to Victoria, on every possible occasion, the teams competing in the Northwest league.

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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

1.30 p.m.—Victoria ladies' hockey match, captain vs. vice-captain's team, at Beacon Hill.  
2.45 p.m.—James Bay vs. Garrison, local league senior soccer match, at Oak Bay.  
2.45 p.m.—Victoria West vs. Cedar Hill, local league senior soccer match, at Oak Bay.  
2.45 p.m.—Esquimalt vs. the Fifth Regiment, local league senior soccer match, at Work Point.  
2.45 p.m.—Esquimalt vs. Baraca, second division soccer teams, at Canteen grounds.  
2.45 p.m.—North Ward vs. High School, junior soccer teams, at the Hill.  
3 p.m.—Victoria men's hockey practice, at Beacon Hill.

## The Home Team.

While nothing definite is known as to the personnel of the next Victoria team it is understood that it will be considerably stronger than that which wore the local colors last season. Many of this year's men are still in the city and it is the intention to augment their numbers by several crack players who are seeking employment here. If positions can be found for them—and there is not likely to be any difficulty on that score—they will be brought to Victoria in time for the opening match of 1909.

## BASEBALL LEAGUE IS MUCH CHANGED

Practically Every Team in the Northwest Circuit Has Experienced Shakeup

New changes everywhere in this tight little ball game of ours! Practically every club on the Northwest circuit for 1909 has undergone a complete shakeup during the winter months, and it will be a funny looking league to the fans for a few weeks until they can get themselves used to it. For instance, Mike Lynch, boss at Seattle instead of Tacoma; the whole Butte team transferred to Tacoma; Bob Brown, the Aberdeen leader of the last three seasons, in charge of the Spokane team and a new owner in Joseph Cohn at the helm; Butte out and an entirely new team at Portland; Suggen, Hundorff, Flanagan and Hyatt gone from the roll of the Vancouver team, and lastly a new manager and a lot of new players for the Aberdeen team.

The shrewdness of Russ Hall is the talk of the fans of this city. Hall carefully primed his defences and fixed himself up nicely for a smooth getaway from the Northwestern league. He demanded his price for his players and his franchise and he got it. Hall has made upward of \$2,000 a season for two seasons in salary and profits and quit the league with an additional \$3,000. Seven thousand for two seasons in a bush league isn't so bad.

Portland's baseball writers are revealing in a perfect torrent of baseball dope coming in from all quarters, from one or the other of the McCredies, from Ewing, from Lucas and from the fans. The City of Roses is worked up to a high pitch for the baseball prospects of 1909, and with any sort of luck for its team ought to break all records for the Northwest.

With two teams to choose, the McCredies are burning up smooth getting players. The latest gossip is to the effect that they have lined out for both Phil Geier and Pete Noonan, of the St. Paul club, both former big league stars. "Red Dog" Deveraux and "Truck" Egan are two other sterling players Walter and the Judge are dicker with.

## Match Monday

A local senior league basketball match will be played between the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. teams on Monday night, commencing at 9 o'clock at the Assembly Hall, Fort street. As this will be the first appearance of these fives it is expected that the competition will attract a large number of enthusiasts. It is reported that both have been training hard and are in the best of shape.

## LOCAL RUGBY TEAM LEFT FOR VANCOUVER

Victoria Fifteen Plays Mainlanders This Afternoon—English Authority

Escorted by W. Moresby the manager and other officials of the Victoria Rugby club, to say nothing of a large number of local enthusiasts, the fifteen men who will take the field this afternoon against Vancouver in the second McKechnie cup match boarded the Princess Victoria shortly after 10:30 o'clock last night. Inasmuch as it has been asserted that the principal reason that mainlanders were defeated here a couple of weeks ago was their failure to obtain rest during the previous night, the locals determined that taking advantage of the lesson taught by their rivals' misfortune, they would retire early and obtain a reasonable amount of sleep. And so, when the steamer pulled away from the dock, the exceeding quiet which prevailed aboard would have given no hint of the presence of twenty or more stalwart athletes, in perfect health and in the best of spirits, on their way to meet an opposing aggregation in one of the most important engagements of the year as far as British Columbia sport is concerned.

## Authority on Rugby.

In view of the marked interest which is evidenced in this pastime it is apropos to quote the opinion of an English authority on the value of Rugby, not only from a physical standpoint, but in the development of manly, upright characters. He says: The teachings of Rugby football are not confined to straightforwardness in character. There are at least two other traits to be found in nearly every old Rugby man who is worth his salt. The one is courage, the other unselfishness. The number of good deeds during the last South African War done by old Rugby men might fill this number, if they could all be recorded here. England's old full back, J. F. Byrne, also known as a Warwickshire country cricket captain, was one of the best men in the defence of Kimberley. W. A. Millar, of the 1906-7 South African team, was wounded five times in one engagement, went on fighting, and had two bullets removed without an anaesthetic. An old schoolmaster of mine with whom I used to play three-quarter, Captain S. C. Taylor, of the Yorkshire Light Infantry, utilized much of the pace and pluck that were so conspicuous during our Bedford school days to land him first into the Boer trenches on the top of the hill at Graspan. During the war a number of Rugby clubs round London that had been accustomed to turning out three or four fifteens every Saturday before the war found the utmost difficulty in getting two teams to play. Nobody was fitter, however, than Rugby men to volunteer when the call came, and when it comes again they will once more be in front of all their fellow-sportsmen.

On the score of unselfishness, the beginning and end of the game is right in the teeth of this horrid vice. In cricket it is possible to play for self before thinking of one's side. Everybody who plays cricket has on occasion been guilty of this offence. The whole game of goal, except in four-some play, is a direct stimulus to selfishness, otherwise excellent in time though it is. Put in Rugby football—wrongly the rival game so called—there is no chance for the selfish man. To be really good at the game must be unselfish. No really crack player became so by the practice of selfishness. When the crack makes a mistake it is generally because he has for the instant forgotten to be unselfish. The whole game hinges on boys and men practising unselfishness and allowing the scoring and its consequent honours and glory, for the sake of the team, to be the result of which alone men play this best of all winter games, to go to the other fellow.

"Take it all in all, there is no game so educative in the principles of honesty and unselfishness as Rugby football, and if anyone doubts that it braces the nerves and instils on bringing out all the courage latent in every one of us, then let him try to stop a strong rush of forwards on a hard ground and see for himself how long a chickenheart can succeed in this splendid pastime."

## Logan's Plans.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 18.—Fred Logan, in-door skating champion of Canada, announced today that he would skate this year under the colors of Montreal club. He will attend meetings at Montreal, Saranac Lake, Cleveland, Verona Lake and Pittsburg.

## NANAIMO RUGGERS HAVE ORGANIZED

Practice Match at Coal City Tomorrow—Play Victoria New Year's

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Hornet Rugby Football club was held last night in the Athletic Club, when it was decided to hold a big practice game on Sunday between a team selected by Vice-Captain Wilson, and a team called the "Probables."

The first game for the McKechnie cup will be played with Victoria at the capital on New Year's Day, but an exhibition game will probably be arranged with Victoria prior to that date. The club at last night's meeting elected officers as follows: Hon. President, J. H. Hogle, M. D.; hon. vice-presidents, Ralph Smith, M. P., Wm. Sloan, M. P., J. H. Hawthorthwaite, T. R. Stockett, Thomas Graham, president, Robert Swanson; vice-president, Thos. Bennett; secretary, T. B. Booth; treasurer, L. M. Richardson, Capt. Edgar Snowden; vice-captain, John Wilson; selected committee, Messrs. R. Swanson, E. Snowden, J. Wilson, T. Bennett, J. McKinnell, M. King, M. Pitt.

## GAME WITH NANAIMO

Victoria Soccer Team Plays at Coal City Day After Christmas

Victoria should play Nanaimo in a Pacific Coast football league fixture on Christmas at the Coal City, according to the terms of the schedule. Owing to the lack of transportation facilities over the E. & N. on that day, however, it will be impossible for the local soccer men to fill the date. On that account it is proposed that the game take place on the 26th inst., and, although the question has not been definitely settled yet, it is altogether likely that it will be held then. Lady Smith has expressed a desire to meet the Capitals while they are up the line, suggesting that a contest might be arranged to take place on the day following the Nanaimo engagement. If they agree to this the Victorians will be given half the gate receipts which, it is thought, would go far towards defraying the expenses of the trip. Whether they will take advantage of the offer, however, is uncertain.

## GAMES WITH TACOMA

American Soccer Eleven Want Matches With Esquimalt on Holidays

It is understood that the Esquimalt Athletic association has a strong eleven in view for the Island League football series. Already it is reported, the majority of their men are in line and they are of a calibre that will make a formidable aggregation in any company. Another proposition is being considered by this organization. It is the advisability of arranging with the Tacoma able aggregation in any company. A match here on Christmas day. A communication has been received from the Americans offering to come here on that occasion providing Esquimalt is willing to play a return on the other side on New Year's day. A definite decision has not yet been reached but it is likely that an understanding will be arrived at and that the contemplated matches will take place on the dates indicated.

## VICTORIA VS. SEATTLE

A Splendid International Basketball Match at Assembly Hall Tonight

The Seattle and Victoria Y. M. C. A. basketball teams do battle tonight at the Assembly hall, Fort street. The prospective antagonists are trained to the minute. It is reported that W. G.

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Findlay's lads are in such shape that it would take a bunch of whirlwinds to beat them. The forwards have the nose down so that they can hit the mark from any place or in any attitude; the centre is an expert at the high jump and may be expected to get the ball from the throw-up every time; while the guards, it is said are like unto stone walls—strong, reliable, and as doggedly persevering as the red Indian of the Fenimore Cooper type. But if the Seattle press is to be believed, the visitors have just the kind of an aggregation that is likely to put some kinks in the apparently invincible Victorians. The result should be an exhibition which for speed, combination, and collective and individual skill has seldom been seen in this city.

## NORTH WARD WON FROM BAYS YESTERDAY

Victoria West Won Basketball Match Against Shamrocks—Other Results

Two intermediate league basketball matches were played last night. In that between the James Bays and North Wards at the former's hall the latter were successful by a score of 28 to 16. The game in which the Victoria West and Shamrocks were the principals, which took place at the V. W. A. gymnasium, the Wests won by 17 to 14. Both contests were just a little one-sided, there being no doubt, in either instance, of the ultimate result from the time the whistle first sounded. Of the junior competitions that which caused the greatest excitement was the combat in which the James Bay and Esquimalt representatives engaged. The result was a victory for the Bays by a score of 17 to 14. The other contest of this series, between the High School and Shamrock teams, was not as close, the Shamrocks obtaining a decisive triumph by a score of 17 to 4 points. In this game the outcome was never in doubt the Irish lads putting up a whirlwind combination and shooting so well that the students were completely nonplussed.

## LADIES' GAME

Practice Match Starts This Afternoon at 1.30 O'clock at Hill

Members of the Victoria Ladies' Hockey club are requested to meet at Beacon Hill this afternoon at about 1 o'clock. Half an hour later those chosen by the captain and vice-captain, whose names were published in these columns yesterday, will take the field in a practice match. This contest, it is explained, is in preparation for the inter-city competition against Vancouver, which is to be held here early next month.

## LEAGUE SOCCER

Three Senior, One Second Division and Junior Match This Afternoon

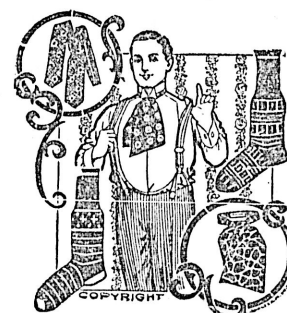
Three local senior league soccer matches will be played this afternoon. At Oak Bay, starting at 2:45 o'clock, the James Bay and Garrison teams will meet while the Victoria West and Cedar Hill elevens will try conclusions, the contest to commence at the same time. The Esquimalt and Fifth Regiment aggregations will do battle at

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Work Point. In addition there is a second division game to be held at the Canteen grounds, the principals being the Esquimalt and Baraca teams. The North Ward and High School juniors will meet at Beacon Hill. The personnel of the Victoria West team, which will play Cedar Hill today, follows:  
Goal, Beany; backs, Prevost, Kinlock; halves, Hall, Pettit; forwards, Okell, Bailey, Sedger, Kroeger, Tait.  
A. Peden will referee.

## GENERAL PRACTICE

Victoria Hockey Club Members Assemble at Beacon Hill Today

The Victoria Hockey club will hold a general practice, commencing at 3 o'clock

this afternoon, at the Beacon Hill grounds. They were to have met today at Oak Bay but, having acceded to a request from the Victoria District Football association to allow a league soccer match to take the field in their stead, they have had to make the change indicated. As the date of the next international league game is fast approaching and as Victoria has lost one game to Vancouver and cannot afford to suffer any further reverses, it is hoped that there will be a full attendance of capt. Hart states that practice and proper coaching is wanted and that it can't be obtained until the weekly drills are patronized.

## Colonials Victorious.

London, Dec. 18.—Australia defeated Glamorgan league at rugby football yesterday afternoon by 11 points to 3.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Griffin W. Jones leaves today via the C. P. R. on a trip to Toronto.

G. W. Davies left last evening on the Princess Royal for Seattle.

C. C. Worsfield left this morning on a short business trip to Vancouver.

C. C. Lacey, of the Great Northern Railway, is in the city.

Mrs. J. R. Stephen, of Yarmouth, N. S., called at the Tourist association's rooms yesterday.

Capt. Holman, of the Glenfarg, left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

Foster Macgurn left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a short business trip to San Francisco.

Howard W. Dubois left yesterday via the North Coast Limited for St. Paul, Minn.

H. W. Westervelt, of St. Paul, is in the city. He is registered at the King Edward.

C. F. Broadhurst, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in Victoria and is a guest at the King Edward.

P. J. Russell, of the Vancouver and Prince Rupert Meat Co., is registered at the King Edward Hotel.

Henry Young, of Keatings Crossing, came in yesterday morning and returned by the afternoon train.

Mrs. Ferguson, of Saanichton, was among the arrivals by the morning V. & S. train yesterday.

Geo. Sangster, of Sidney, was in the city on business yesterday. He returned by the afternoon train.

Mrs. S. C. Roberts and daughter, of Sidney, arrived by the V. & S. morning train yesterday morning.

Miss Vera Gosnell was a passenger from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Whatcom.

Attorney-General Bowser returned to Vancouver by last night's boat for the week end.

Premier McBride returned yesterday from Agassiz, where he has been opening the new school.

G. W. Clinton, of Cumberland, is visiting Victoria. He is a guest at the Empress.

W. Oehmichen, of Dresden, arrived in town yesterday from Europe. He is registered at the Empress.

George Jay left last night for a short visit to Vancouver. He expects to be back tomorrow.

Miss E. M. Johnston and Mr. J. G. Johnston arrived safely in County Armagh, Ireland, after a very pleasant trip.

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down from Cowichan yesterday, and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Armstrong and Miss Nadine Armstrong, of Shawnigan Lake, are stopping at the Empress.

Otto Klein, of Milwaukee, came over from Seattle yesterday, and is staying at the Empress.

H. D. Savine came down from Cowichan Bay yesterday, and is at the Balmoral.

Capt. Chas. Blomquist came down from Shawnigan Lake yesterday, and is staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. Herbert Stanton returned yesterday from the mainland, where she has been enjoying a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Spalding, of South Pender Island, who has been in town for a few days' shopping, returns home today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Steele left yesterday for Los Angeles, where they intend spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Raymond from Crofton, are in town for a short time and are staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McMicking, who have been absent for several weeks in California, have returned home, much benefited by their trip.

Mr. Bovill, of Saanich, was in the city yesterday. He came in on the afternoon train and returned in the afternoon.

W. Munroe, of Sidney, spent a few hours in town yesterday. He was among the passengers arriving by the morning V. & S. train.

Mr. Crawford and daughter, of Saanich, came to Victoria yesterday morning. They intend spending some days here.

J. Ferguson, of Keatings Crossing, was in the city yesterday. He arrived by the morning train and left for home in the afternoon.

Charles S. Haslam, of Vancouver, is visiting the city on business and is among those staying at the King Edward Hotel.

Thomas Allie, of Turner, Beeton & Company, left this morning via the C. P. R. for Toronto, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bliton, of Nelson, B. C., who have been making a week's visit here with friends, left this morning on their return home.

The Hon. Dr. Young left for the Mainland, last night en route to Coquitlam. He will probably be back tomorrow.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Nevill A. S. Armstrong came down from Shawnigan lake yesterday for a few days' visit. They are staying at the Empress.

H. E. Beasley, assistant to the vice-president of the E. & N., is in Victoria on company business. He is staying at the Empress.

A. B. Cartwright came over to the city yesterday from Ganges Harbor, upon Salt Spring Island, and is putting up at the Balmoral.

John Thompson, of Cumberland, reached here on the noon train yesterday. He intends making a short sojourn in Victoria, and is a guest at the King Edward.

W. P. Lockwood, commercial agent of the Wisconsin Central railroad, with headquarters at Seattle, spent yesterday in the city on one of his customary business trips.

Miss F. Neroutsos left this morning via the C. P. R. for St. John, N. B., whence she will sail on the Empress of Britain on Christmas Day for the Old Country.

Master C. Chipman, son of C. C. Chipman, Hudson's Bay Company commissioner at Winnipeg, left this morning via the C. P. R. to spend his Christmas holidays at home.

H. E. Beasley, assistant to R. Marpole, executive agent for British Columbia of the C. P. R., returned this morning on the Princess Victoria to Vancouver.

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver were Mrs. Clark, J. Lottit, M. Donald, E. Bliss, C. W. Butler, C. O. E. Rand, G. W. James, G. W. Clinton.

Capt. Robert Spencer-Gordon, who arrived in town yesterday from Seattle, is making a tour of the States, and after spending the day in Victoria left for Vancouver last night, where he will spend a few days, before returning to Seattle for Christmas.

The members of the St. Paul's congregation Young Peoples' Society, were very pleasantly entertained last evening in the manse in Victoria West. Upon the conclusion of the programme of vocal and instrumental music, refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses M. B. Frith, from Castle Rising, Yorkshire, Eng., passed through Victoria yesterday, lunching with friends at the Empress, and after spending a most enjoyable day in the city, left by the night boat for Vancouver, where they intend spending Christmas.

W. Oehmichen, who comes from the charming city of Dresden, in Germany, and who has been touring the United States, arrived in town from Seattle yesterday, and is staying at the Empress. He is charmed not only with this city and its situation, but also with this hotel, its service, and its appointments.

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#### OFF FOR MONTREAL

Edmonton Hockey Team After Stanley  
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Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The Edmonton hockey team, challengers for the Stanley cup, arrived in the city this morning on their way to Montreal. They were joined here by Lester Patrick and Tom Phillips, who will play with Edmonton for the cup. The team are in fine form and expect to make a good showing. It is rumored that Charley Quinn, goaltender for Winnipeg, will also be one of the team. They leave for Montreal this evening.

#### HIGH PRESSURE PUMP TENDERS ARE OPENED

Bids Will Be Passed Upon By  
Consulting Engineer  
Adams

Tenders for the pumps for the salt water high pressure system were opened at last night's meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee. These are the second tenders called for. The first tenders were rejected on the advice of Arthur L. Adams the city's water expert, to whom they were referred by the city council after that body arrived at the conclusion that it was not competent to decide upon the objections raised by one of the tenders. On Mr. Adams' suggestion new tenders were called for and they were submitted to last night's meeting.

The tenders were for a steam and electrical pump, to be the intention of the city to install one pump of each kind so that in case of a fire the pumping machinery for the system will not be dependent on one source of power, which might be cut off. Each pump must give a minimum of 400 horse power and pump 2,500 gallons per minute. The figures submitted by the various tenders are as follows:

Watson, Stillman company, electric, \$9,350; steam, \$7,350.  
Hutchinson Bros., electric, \$10,550; steam, \$11,300.  
Victoria Machinery Depot, electric, \$9,900; steam, \$9,954.  
Canadian General Electric company, electric, \$10,275; steam, \$11,705.  
John K. Rebeck, electric, \$8,960; steam, \$8,770.

The tenders will be referred to Arthur Adams, who is expected to arrive in the city in a day or two for the express purpose of passing upon the various bids.

A deputation of Belmont street property owners waited upon the committee relative to the improvements which are proposed for that thoroughfare. One proposition is to improve the present street on the local improvement plan and the other is to straighten the street between Gladstone avenue and Milne street and improve both the new portion and also the road as at present laid out. This scheme would leave a strip of land between the two roadways which it was suggested could be laid out with trees and shrubs and otherwise beautified. The latter scheme would cost about \$4,000 more than the former.

The deputation met Ald. Gleason and City Solicitor Mann in the mayor's office and at the conclusion of the discussion Ald. Gleason reported to the committee that the owners had decided to appoint a committee which will interview all the other owners interested and whichever scheme of improvement is favored by a majority of the property owners will be accepted by all and placed before the council. Complaints having been made at the absence of any means whereby the names of streets can be ascertained, the city engineer will be instructed to have the name of the street stamped in the cement at the corners in all cases where cement walks are being laid in the sections of the city outside the business portion.

Now that the floors in the new fire halls on Kingston and Dunsmuir streets are ready for the laying of the blocks, the cement foundations being in place the necessary quantity of blocks will be treated with creosote so that the work can be completed.

The request of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing company that it be permitted to secure 1,500 blocks with creosote for floor purposes was referred to the city engineer who will decide on the price to be paid by the company.

#### WILL NOT INCREASE AMOUNT ASKED FOR

School Board Decides That  
\$60,000 Will Meet Necessary Expenses

The suggestion made at last night's meeting of the public school board that the \$60,000, to raise which the board will ask the city council to submit a bylaw at the forthcoming civic elections, be increased was not entertained. The board recently requested the council to submit a bylaw to raise \$60,000 net, that amount being considered sufficient to meet the shortage on the proposed Chambers street school for which about \$62,000 is required, while the board has but \$47,000 at its disposal, and also give \$45,000 for the new school which it is the intention to erect next year on the Fairfield road site. This request was refused by the council on the grounds that it has no funds for the purpose. Accordingly the board as provided for by the School act will have to instruct the council to submit the bylaw to the ratepayers.

Trustee Bishop at last night's meeting asked that the decision of the board arrived at at the last meeting be reconsidered as he felt that the amount asked for would not prove sufficient in view of the fact that there is now considerable work to be done on the various city schools for which there are not sufficient funds. Trustee Riddell also urged that at least \$65,000 should be asked for. After some discussion the former decision was allowed to stand and the board will not increase the amount already asked for.

Tenders for school supplies aggregating in cost slightly over \$2,000 were reported upon by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins. The contracts will be awarded between the Victoria Printing and Publishing company, the Victoria Book and Stationery company, and T. N. Hibben and company.

The request of Mr. Pollard, musical instructor, that twenty music charts and a quantity of sheet music be purchased will be granted. The cost of the articles will be in the neighborhood of \$60.

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With the Tecumsehs, of Toronto, and the Capitals, of Regina, clamoring for a chance after the Minto trophy, the New Westminster lacrosse club has decided to take on the hard team first,

and the Tecumsehs will be given an opportunity next spring to take the cup back East. The New Westminster club met the other night and settled on the details for the series. It was decided that the same conditions should govern the contest as those which covered the series when New Westminster won the world's championship from the Shamrocks of Montreal last July. The majority of goals in two matches will decide the winners and the first New Westminster-Tecumseh game will be played on Monday, (Victoria Day) May 24th, and the second will be played on Saturday, May 29th.

The dates for the Capital-New Westminster series were not set, but it is likely they will be arranged for a short time after the Tecumseh games, providing, of course, that New Westminster is successful in defending the cup against the Toronto Indians. The Royal City players intend keeping up their training through the winter months so as to be in good form early in the season. They have made arrangements for the use of the Columbia college gymnasium several evenings each week.

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### Babes in Toyland

Victor Herbert's famous extravaganza "Babes in Toyland" with book and lyrics by Glen MacDonough, the famous librettist, came to an attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday, December 21.

This production played for over one year and a half in New York and one year in Chicago and comes to this city almost direct from the Metropolitan.

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### Fifty Miles from Boston

Cohan girls and boys, songs, dancing and fun will be the order of things at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, December 23 and Thursday, December 24 when Cohan and Harris will present a big company in George Cohan's latest rural-musical-comedy, "50 Miles from Boston." There is a strong story of New England life and is laid in and about North Brookfield, Mass.

The interest centers about the love affair of the village post mistress and the hero of the baseball club, and has in it many diverting situations—including the robbery of the post office,—a band concert in the public square and the many small affairs which make up rural life. Mr. Cohan has embellished the story with catchy songs like "Harrigan," "My Small Town Gal," "Waltz with Me," "Jack and Jill," "Ain't It Awful," Hazel Lowry, Joseph Sparks, Russell Pinch and Suzanne Leonard Westford are in the cast.

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### Goodson-Hartmann Concert.

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### The New Grand.

The remarkable "Coco" act at the Grand, and the other big acts on this week's bill will doubtless attract crowds of children at the special matinee arranged for their benefit for the afternoon. The other features include Holmes and Holliston, in the side-splitting rural comedy "Looking for Betsy"; Phil Staats, in an equally funny act of monologue and piano playing; Emelle Benner, female baritone; Sabine and Nera, in a turn well named "Variety," the feature of which is splendid dancing by Mlle. Vera, and songs and pictures.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Corrects Rumor.

Sir—In today's issue of the Colonist, I notice my name mentioned as W. Clupperton being a candidate of municipal honors in Ward (4) four South Saanich. Kindly correct the error as I have no such intention, and oblige. JOHN CLUPPERTON, Oak Lodge, December 18, 1908.

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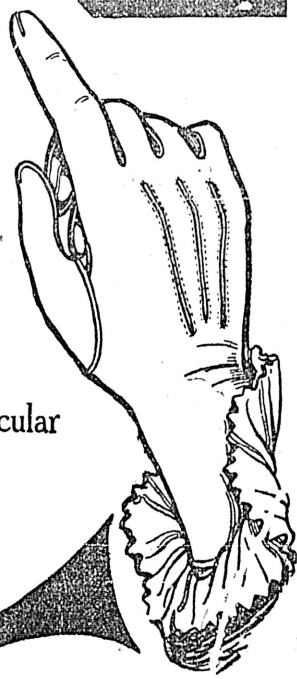
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The largest Wine and Spirit Merchants in the World, and noted for giving the greatest value for money.

## Gilbey's POT STILL SCOTCH WHISKIES

## SPEY-ROYAL

(10 years old)

## STRATHMILL

(6 years old)

are produced at Gilbey's own distilleries on the banks of the Rivers Spey and Isla, Scotland, and are guaranteed distilled entirely from the finest specially selected Scotch barley by the old original pot still method, thus retaining all the natural elements and flavors, combined with the gently stimulating and health-giving qualities of absolutely pure Scotch Whisky.

Having been stored for years in His Majesty's Bonded Warehouses, they possess the fine mellow qualities which age alone can give.

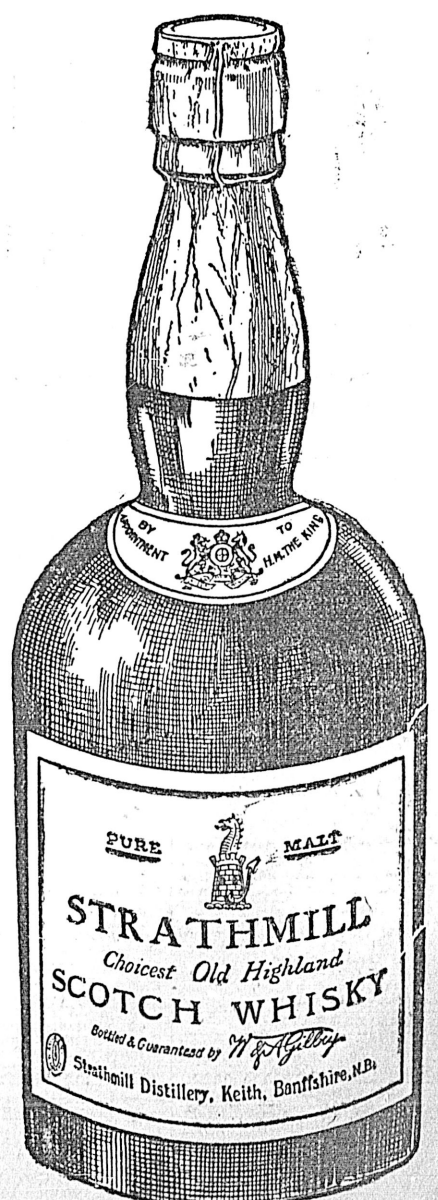
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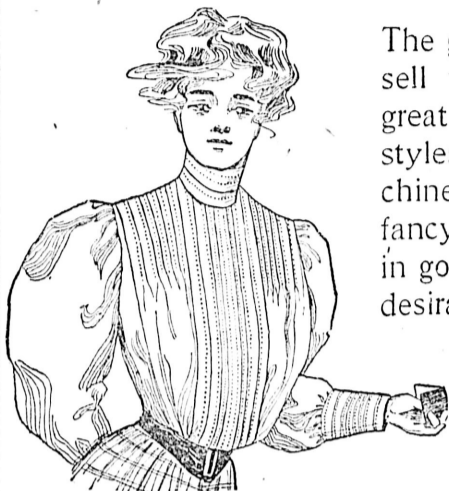


# THE TIME IS GETTING VERY SHORT

In which to complete your Christmas buying. We are making it well worth your while to buy now by offering values that are unquestionably extra good. Yesterday the Big Store was crowded all day long; it is doubtful if ever before so many people visited the store in one day. For to-day we offer a splendid bargain in Women's Waists; to do them justice we had to use advertising space intended for other lines. These bargains are here for you today, even if not advertised.

## Extraordinary Sale of Women's Waists at 2.30 p.m. Today

**\$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Waists, \$1.25**



The greatest Waist offer of the year comes almost at its end. We have over one thousand Waists to sell this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Our Whitewear Department will devote nearly all its space to this great sale. With a largely increased selling staff we will be able to give you good service. All kinds and styles of Waists are in this lot. Waists made of panama in all colors, plain and fancy, wool crepe de chine in different shades, lustres, all colors, including cream, delaines and challies in plain colors and fancy patterns, fancy plaid materials in tartan and other effects, viyella flannel, the unshrinkable kind, in good patterns, cashmeres, serges, flannels, almost any materials you can mention and the most desirable colors and patterns. Sale starts at 2.30 p.m. Be on hand promptly to get the best choice.



	<b>\$2.75 Serge Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of cream serge with colored spots, plain tailored style with wide pleat finished with pearl buttons. Collar and cuffs tucked. Regular price \$2.75. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.50 Panama Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of fine cream panama with embroidered spots, front made with fine tucks forming yoke, tucked back with collar and cuffs to match. Reg. price \$3.50. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.00 Fancy Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of fancy waist material in black and white, with white overcheck. Made with wide tucks front and back, collar and cuffs tucked to match. Regular price \$3.00. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$2.75 Plaid Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, of plaid materials in tartan patterns, made with wide pleats and fine tucks in front, back the same. Collar and cuffs of fine tucks to match. Reg. price \$2.75. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	
<b>\$2.25 Lustre Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of fine brown lustre, front of pleats and tucks piped with white, backs finished with tucks, tucked collar and cuffs. Reg. price \$2.25. 2.30 p.m. today . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$2.50 Lustre Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of pretty fancy lustre, navy blue with white figures, plain waist with front of wide pleat and wide tucks, collar and cuffs with tucks. Reg. price \$2.50, 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$2.75 Fancy Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of handsome material in large black and white checks, with colored overcheck. Front made with box pleats and fine tucks piped with silk. Reg. price \$2.75, 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.00 Flannel Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of Viyella flannel in pretty light blue stripe. Front of box pleat and wide tucks, finished with pearl buttons, tucked collar and cuffs, Reg. price \$3.00. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.75 Lustre Waist, \$1.25</b> BEAUTIFUL WAIST, made of fine brown lustre, wide pleat down front trimmed with silk ornaments and edged with silk fluting, wide tucks piped with silk, open front. Reg. \$3.75. 2.30 p.m. today . . <b>\$1.25</b>	
<b>\$2.75 Challie Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST made of fine grey challie, open front finished with box pleat and fine tucks. Collar and cuffs made of fine tucks, a dainty waist. Reg. price \$2.75. Today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$2.25 Flannel Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of heavy warm flannel in navy blue. Front made entirely of fine tucks. Rows of tucks down back, collar and cuffs made of fine tucks. Reg. price \$2.25. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$3.50 Lustre Waist, \$1.25</b> WAIST, made of cream lustre, a beautiful fine quality. Two panels in front richly embroidered in silk, rows of fine tucks on each side, open front. Reg. price \$3.50. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$2.50 Panama Waists, \$1.25</b> WAIST made of fine cream panama, front made of fine tucks with rows of wide lace insertion, rows of tucks down back. Collar and cuffs finished with fine tucks. Reg. price \$2.50. 2.30 p.m. today . . . . . <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$4.00 Delaine Waist, \$1.25</b> HANDSOME WAIST, made of cream all wool delaine, front richly embroidered with five rows of silk embroidery, with rows of fine tucks between. Sleeves, collar and cuffs tucked. Reg. \$4.00. 2.30 p.m. today . <b>\$1.25</b>	

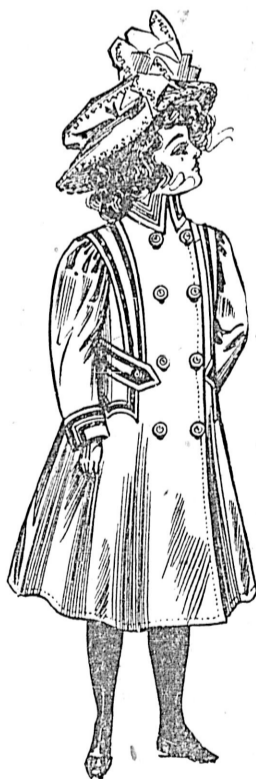
### 7.30 Sale of Furs

Values to \$1.50 for 50c  
 Values to \$6.00 for \$1.50  
 Values to \$8.00 for \$3.00

FURS FOR CHILDREN, foxaline in white, grey and brown, neat ties suitable for children's wear, also larger ties made of bear cloth, regular prices up to \$1.50. 7.30 p.m. tonight .. **50c**

TIES AND STOLEs, made of White Thibet Foxaline in white, marmot and other good furs, good styles for women or children, regular values to \$6.00. 7.30 p.m. tonight .. **\$1.50**

TIES AND STOLEs, in Astrachan, White Thibet, Foxaline and Marmot. Good styles and excellent furs suitable for women's wear, regular values to \$8.00. 7.30 p.m. tonight .. **\$3.00**



### A Clearing Out of Children's Coats

#### Hurry Out Prices Today

This morning we will clear out all our Childrens' Coats at prices that are less than the cost of making. These coats are all styles and sizes, some Short Reefers, some three-quarter length. Some full length. Made of the nicest cloths for children's wear, such as military serge and fancy tweeds, also plain broad-cloth and beaver cloths. The styles are the pretty childish effects so smart and so natty. The sizes range from four years to fourteen. The prices are as follows:

COATS worth up to \$4.50. Today .. <b>\$1.00</b>	COATS worth up to \$5.00. Today .. <b>\$1.90</b>
COATS worth up to \$6.50. Today .. <b>\$2.90</b>	COATS worth up to \$8.75. Today .. <b>\$4.50</b>
COATS worth up to \$12.00. Today .. <b>\$5.75</b>	COATS worth up to \$15.00. Today .. <b>\$7.50</b>

### Nickel Goods for Gifts

FRENCH BEVEL MIRRORS, oblong shape, metal backs, size 16x24 inches .. **\$13.75**  
 FRENCH BEVEL MIRRORS, oblong shape, round corners, metal backs, size 18x24 inches, .. **\$14.50**  
 FRENCH BEVEL MIRRORS, oval shape, metal back, size 18x24 inches .. **\$17.50**  
 FRENCH BEVEL MIRRORS, half round top, metal backs, size 18x24 inches .. **\$17.50**  
 NICKEL TUB SOAP HOLDER, .. **\$1.25** and .. **75c**  
 NICKEL WALL SOAP HOLDER, \$2.50 and .. **\$1.75**  
 NICKEL FLAT SOAP HOLDER, 75c, and .. **65c**  
 NICKEL FOOTED SOAP HOLDER, .. **75c**  
 CHILD'S KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON SET, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and .. **35c**

NICKEL FOOTED SOAP HOLDER, with rubber tip .. **\$1.25**  
 SUGAR SHELL, quadruple plate, gold lined 75c, plain .. **65c**  
 NUT CRACK AND PICK SETS  
 FRENCH BEVEL SWING MIRRORS, heavy brackets, oval shape, beaded edge, metal backs, 18x24 .. **\$25.00**  
 FRENCH BEVEL SWING SHAVING MIRRORS, heavy brackets, beaded edge, round shape, size 14-in. diameter .. **\$10.00**  
 JICKEL BATH SHOWER RINGS for .. **\$2.00**  
 JICKEL ROBE HOOKS, each 65c, 50c and .. **25c**  
 BATH TUB SEATS, oak finish, for .. **\$1.75**  
 FRENCH BEVEL MIRRORS oblong shape, metal backs, size 18x30 inches .. **\$22.50**



### 7.30 Slipper Sale

#### Xmas Party Shoes for Children

We have a quantity of 'Children's Slippers, Ankle Strap and Theo Straps, in patent leather, and black, tan and red kid, also in fawn and white suede. The very shoe for Xmas party wear. Sizes 8 to 2. Reg. values \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Tonight, 7.30 at .. **\$1.00**

### Xmas Footwear Suggestions

Women's Patent Colt Blucher Boots—Dull kid tops, medium weight soles. Cuban heels. A neat yet dressy boot of American manufacture .. **\$3.50**

Women's Superior Quality Gun Metal Calf Blucher Cut Boots—Stout sewed soles, high or low heels, broad and narrow toes. A correct American made winter boot .. **\$3.50**

Extra Quality Ladies' Vici Kid or Patent Colt Laced or Blucher Cut Boots—Flex welt soles. The highest grade of American footwear procurable, Queen Quality, \$5.50, \$5.00, \$4.50 and .. **\$4.00**

Women's Felt Bedroom Slippers—In red and navy blue, for .. **50c**

Men's Cavalier Slippers—First quality vici kid, in black or tan. Hand made. Nothing nicer for Xmas. .. **\$3.50**

Men's Chocolate Kid Opera Slippers—Hand made, for .. **\$2.50**

Men's Black or Tan Slippers—Made of good quality dongola kid. Hand turned soles, for .. **\$2.00**

Men's Pure Wool Everett Slippers—Sanitary felt and leather soles. Assorted check patterns .. **\$1.00**

Men's Brown Check Felt Slippers—Felt soles, warm, comfortable and durable .. **75c**

An Excellent Range of Indian Moccasin Slippers—Made of Suede calf, plain and fur bound, genuine Indian make, Men's, Boys', Youths', Ladies', Misses' and Children's, up from .. **\$1.00**

Women's and Children's Art Crochet Slippers—Lamb'swool soles, in red, pale blue and pink at \$1.25, \$1.00 and .. **75c**

### Triple Shaving Mirrors on Sale Today

An ideal gift for a man. We offer a quantity of Triple Shaving Mirrors today at good price concessions. These are all nice goods, suitable for holiday gifts, and handsome enough to please anybody.

TRIPLE SHAVING MIRRORS, reg. price \$7.50. Today .. **\$4.50**  
 TRIPLE SHAVING MIRRORS, reg. price \$12.50. Today .. **\$8.75**  
 TRIPLE SHAVING MIRRORS, reg. price \$3.50. Today .. **\$5.75**  
 MIRROR ON STAND, regular price \$8.00. Today .. **\$5.50**

ORCHESTRA SELECTIONS TO-NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

## DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Holiday Shopping is Fatiguing. Try a Cup of Tea at Our Tea Rooms.